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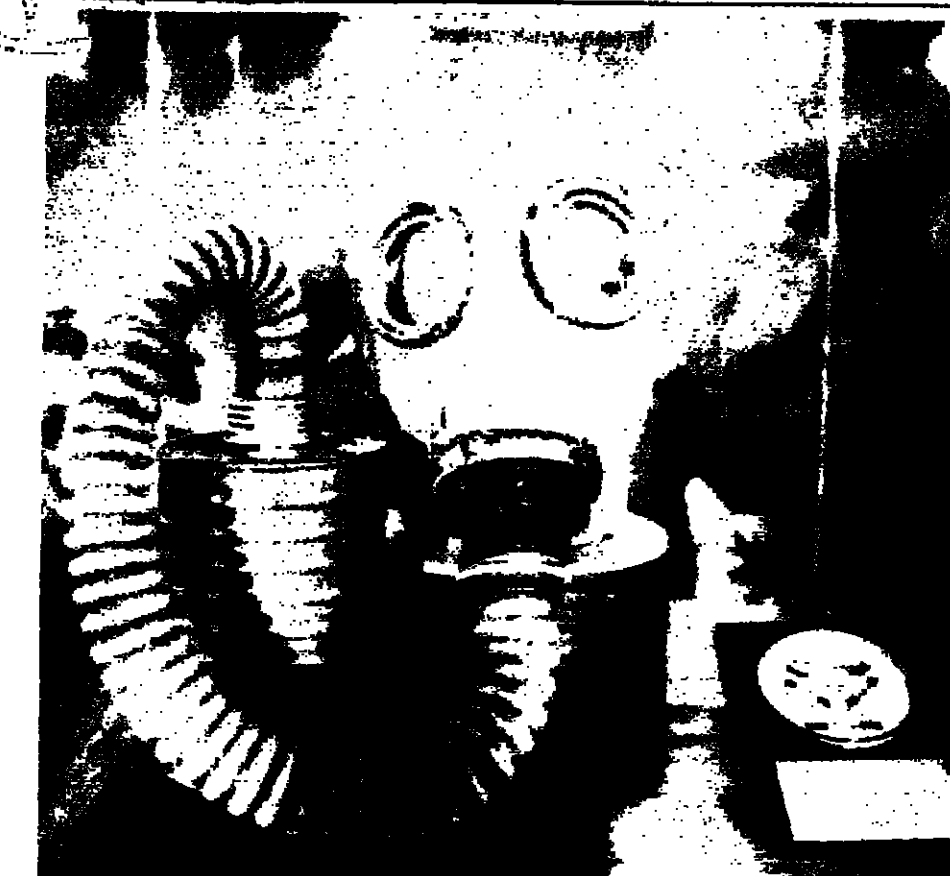
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Payoffs scandal shocks Germans

BONN, Nov. 30 (AP) — A scandal said to involve payment of millions of marks to leading politicians by industry spread Monday as justice authorities threatened "legal steps" against Franz-Josef Strauss and another prominent conservative politician who implied authorities leaked the scandal to the press.
The scandal first came to light last year when *Der Spiegel* magazine accused all four major political parties and several well-known politicians of receiving millions of marks from industry for election campaigns and failing to pay tax on the donations. Economy Minister Otto Lambsdorff too may be implicated in the scandal.
The liberal newspaper *Frankfurter Rundschau* said the affair turned "explosive" this weekend when *Der Spiegel* published what it said were the depositions of four politicians under investigation for accepting some of the millions of marks allegedly paid out by the giant Friedrich Flick concern in Dusseldorf.
According to the magazine, all four denied the charges by saying they could not remember details of meetings with Flick executives and payments that company documents seized by Bonn state prosecutors indicated were made to at least 10 prominent figures. The North Rhine Westphalian Justice Ministry in Dusseldorf confirmed Monday that at least some of the material printed in *Der Spiegel* was authentic but denied that it was leaked to *Spiegel* by justice authorities. A spokesman refused to say which passages were known to be genuine and which might be false.



CHEMICAL WARFARE: The State Department unveiled a Soviet gas mask Monday which they claim was obtained from a source in Kabul, Afghanistan, which showed traces of several different kinds of toxins, confirming State Department fears that chemical weapons have been used against Afghan insurgents.

Over EEC farm subsidies U.S. threatens trade war

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan is considering retaliatory action which may trigger a trade war in the wake of an international trade conference's failure to resolve the U.S.-European dispute over farm subsidies.
"We're working on a package and a plan," Agriculture Secretary John Block said Monday.
Block, highly critical of European farm subsidies and committed to a U.S. policy promoting free trade, provided no details on or timetable for the package.
Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng said the U.S. and Western Europe appear closer to trade war following the failure. He said: "It would seem to me action is called for, no doubt it."
The 11-nation conference on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) ended its five-session in Geneva, Switzerland, without "any meaningful progress" on the issue of European Economic Community farm subsidies.
U.S. delegates claim those subsidies, which enabled European nations to shift from importing to exporting farm products, are devastating the international markets needed by financially struggling American farmers. They say inefficient European farmers are able to undercut American producers because of the government help.
The international conference agreed to conduct a two-year study of methods to liberalize and expand farm trade. But spokesmen for the 10-nation European Common Market insisted that the study is "not a commitment to any new negotiations or obligation in relation to agricultural products."
The U.S. delegation, led by Senator Bob Dole, Republican-Kansas, had made a gradual phase out of the EEC's farm subsidies a top priority. "The failure to achieve meaningful results can only serve to increase the pressure for drastic action to help our agricultural producers," Dole said.

Fanfani runs into trouble

ROME, Nov. 30 (R) — Prime Minister-designate Amintore Fanfani said Tuesday he was ready to form Italy's 43rd post-war government, but was immediately embroiled in party infighting over the share-out of cabinet posts.
After two weeks of political crisis, the Christian Democratic Senate leader told President Sandro Pertini he would head a coalition of his own party, the Socialists, Social Democrats and Liberals.
But political sources said bitter wrangling in the Christian Democratic and Socialist parties prevented him from naming his ministers.
They said Fanfani, 74, was at odds with his own party leadership over the balance between party veterans and new blood in the cabinet. The Socialists were split by bickering over ministerial and party jobs.
Fanfani, a political contemporary of late U.S. President John Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, has led four previous administrations, the last in 1962.
Fanfani forged a historic alliance between the Christian Democrats, who have dominated Italian politics since World War II, and the center-left Socialists in 1962. But he went into political eclipse in the mid-1970s after campaigning fiercely against the legislation of divorce.
Spadolini, Italy's first non-Christian Democratic Prime Minister since the war, resigned on Nov. 14 for the second time in three months. Feuding between Christian Democratic and Socialist economics ministers had paralyzed his government.

U.S. move on F-16s irks Zia

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 30 (AP) — One week before President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq pays a state visit to Washington, a snag has developed over American reluctance to equip warplanes being sold to Pakistan with advanced electronic equipment.
Top-level military sources said Tuesday the U.S. Defense Department has blocked the equipping of F-16 fighters with sensitive electronics to dramatically increase the planes' capabilities.
Under a \$1.6 billion U.S. military sales program, Pakistan was to take delivery of 40 F-16s. The first two fighters were to arrive Dec. 2, four days before Zia departs on his first state visit to Washington.
The sources, who asked not to be named, said Pakistan had contracted to buy the planes fully-equipped. Military sources refused to discuss details of the electronics equipment gear in question.
General Dynamics, maker of the F-16, was willing to equip the planes but the Defense Department balked at the last minute, the sources said. They added that Pakistan will refuse to take delivery of the planes unless the Defense Department agrees to the request.
The delivery of the F-16s was seen as a symbol of improved ties, severely strained by U.S. worries over Pakistan's nuclear program and the Nov. 21, 1979 burning of the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.
Relations thawed following the December 1979 Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The Soviet military presence in Afghanistan has security implications for the Gulf region.

Kuwait refuses to sign GCC pact

KUWAIT, Nov. 30 (R) — Kuwait has refused to sign a joint security agreement with its Gulf allies because it would violate the country's sovereignty and constitution. Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said here Tuesday.
Heads of state of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council at a summit conference this month in Bahrain ordered further study of the draft agreement. They had earlier been expected to sign it. Sheikh Sabah told questions in parliament that Kuwait was continuing negotiations on the wording of the agreement with its council partners — Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain.

Canadian leaks secrets to Soviets

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP) — Canadian Prof. Hugh George Hambleton, charged as a Soviet spy, confessed to British police he gave KGB agents more than 80 top-secret NATO documents, which he took home and photographed, the prosecution said Tuesday.
Hambleton, 60, an economics professor at Quebec's Laval University, spied for the Soviets for 30 years, including receiving weekly radio messages from KGB agents in rapid Morse while he worked at NATO's economic directorate in Paris from 1956-61, prosecutors alleged.
"It was a very efficient system and he photographed well over 80 top-secret documents," Attorney General Sir Michael Havers said on the second day of the jury trial at London's old Bailey Central Criminal Court.

U.S. findings confirm Soviet killer gas used on Afghans

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (APF) — The U.S. government has claimed that for the first time it had "conclusive proof" that the Soviet Union was systematically using highly toxic chemical and biological weapons against Afghan freedom fighters.
In a report submitted Monday to the United Nations and the U.S. Congress, the State Department also accused the Soviet Union of "direct complicity" in the use of poison weapons against the anti-Vietnamese resistance in Cambodia and insurgents in Laos.
Evidence cited by the report included two gas masks used by Soviet soldiers killed in Afghanistan last summer. The masks enabled U.S. intelligence to confirm that the Soviet Army was using the mycotoxin trichothecene, a deadly combat gas, against Afghan nationalists, the report said.
The report is based on 300 field samples and testimony gathered in Laos and Cambodia and from Afghan refugees. It formally accuses the Soviet Union of violating the 1925 Geneva Treaty forbidding the use of chemical warfare and a 1972 convention outlawing biological weapons.
A senior State Department official, who asked that his name not be used, said that publication of the report marked the start of an international campaign to alert public opinion. "Our quiet diplomatic efforts to get the Soviets to stop using chemical weapons gave no results, so we decided it was time to bring these terrible abuses to light," he said.
In a message accompanying the report, Secretary of State George Shultz charged that the Soviet Union was continuing to show "cynical disregard for international law."
State Department figures claim that biological and chemical weapons made in the Soviet Union and used by the Soviet Army in Afghanistan and by Vietnamese and Laotian forces in Cambodia and Laos have killed at least 10,000 to 12,000 persons since 1975.
According to Col. James Leonard of the U.S. Defense Department, the Soviet Army in Afghanistan has generally used helicopters or MiG-17 and MiG-21 jets to spread toxic agents in sectors where the Muslim Mujahideen resistance fighters are active.

Brazen lie, Russia says

MOSCOW, Nov. 30 (AP) — "The official news agency Tass Tuesday denounced as a 'brazen lie' new U.S. charges the Soviet Union is using chemical weapons in Afghanistan and supervising their use in Cambodia and Laos."
Tass said the United States was spreading "another false anti-Soviet report in a bid to justify its dangerous policy of preparations for chemical and bacteriological warfare."
The Soviet Union "has more than once authoritatively denied the lies concerning the 'use' of chemical weapons by the USSR," Tass said.
"Why then, it is appropriate to ask, did Washington resort to that brazen lie? The answer is patently clear. Groundless accusations against the Soviet Union serve as a propaganda screen behind which the Reagan administration is pressing forward with its large-scale program of preparations for chemical and bacteriological warfare," the Soviet report said.

Vietnam crushes rebellion

BANGKOK, Nov. 30 (APF) — Vietnamese forces have foiled an attempted armed rebellion in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, in southern Vietnam, reports reaching here Tuesday said.
"We have unmasked and rounded up an enemy organization which was plotting an armed rebellion," the Vietnamese army newspaper reported. Among those arrested, the paper said, were enemy agents "planted as state officials working in important positions."
The plot was believed to be the first of its kind reported in Ho Chi Minh City since the unification of North and South Vietnam in April, 1975 after the withdrawal of United States forces and subsequent defeat of South Vietnamese Army.
The report, in the army newspaper *Tap Chi* limit medium-range nuclear missiles adjourned Tuesday, exactly one year after they started, to allow the delegations to consult at home.
Not told reporters that NATO defense ministers agreed Tuesday on the need to explain further NATO's nuclear policies to the general public. He said it was important to make a distinction between people who were genuinely concerned about nuclear weapons and groups who were being used by the Soviet Union for its own ends.
Nort said the ministers all shared the genuine concern about nuclear weapons but the decision to deploy them was an essential part of NATO's strategy to deter war. He said Belgium, one of the five countries due to take Cruise missiles, now appeared to have a more positive attitude toward deployment although it had not yet taken a final decision. But the Netherlands still appeared to be reserving its position.
Nort, however, said he was pleased with the solidarity shown by all the countries over the modernization plan.

Explosion rocks Thatcher's home

LONDON, Nov. 30 (R) — A package burst into flames inside British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's London residence, 10 Downing Street, Tuesday slightly injuring an official who was opening it, police said.
Mrs. Thatcher was in her study in another part of the building at the time and was not involved, a spokesman for the prime minister said.
The package, a padded envelope of the sort used to send fragile articles, had already been identified as being suspicious and was being opened by an official when it ignited, sources at the Prime Minister's Office said.

Israeli invasion cost 19,085 lives

BEIRUT, Nov. 30 (APF) — A total of 19,085 persons were killed and 31,085 wounded during the Israeli offensive against Lebanon from June 4 until the end of September, according to official Lebanese statistics compiled from police, hospital and Red Cross sources.
A total of 6,775 persons were killed in Beirut and its southern suburbs from June 6, when Israeli forces actually penetrated into Lebanon, to August 15.
These figures did not include the toll from the massacres in September in the West Beirut Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila, where thousands of people were killed.

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Belgian foreign minister discusses railroad plan

RIYADH, Nov. 30 (SPA) — Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri conferred Tuesday with Belgian State Minister for Foreign Trade Andre Kempenaere who is here as a member of a high-ranking delegation presided over by Heir-Apparent Prince Albert. Cooperation, especially in railroad and road projects, was reviewed, in addition to the conditions of Belgian companies involved in road projects in the Kingdom.

Dammam-Riyadh rail link discussed

DAMMAM, Nov. 30 (SPA) — Progress of work on the rail line linking Dammam to Riyadh, via Hofuf, was the subject of discussions between government Railroad Organization (GRRO) Chairman Faisal Al-Shubail and Abdul Alam, secretary general of Pakistan railway corporation.

SR150m water plant contract let

ZILFI, Nov. 30 (SPA) — A SR150 million contract has been awarded here for a water purification plant, tanks and pipe extensions from wells to the water tanks. A national company won the contract and work is expected to be completed within 18 months.

Kempenaere also conferred with Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Al Gosaibi on developing bilateral cooperation in the field of electricity and industry.

The talks also covered the role of Belgian companies in the Kingdom's third five-year development plan.

The meeting was attended by the Industry and Electricity Undersecretary Fuad Farsi.

The meeting was held at GRRO's headquarters here Monday. The Pakistani state-owned corporation is constructing the Dammam to Riyadh railroad. Talks between the two officials also covered areas of Saudi-Pakistani cooperation.

Zilfi Mayor Muhammad Al-Moussa said Monday that work site has been handed over to the company.

Another contract for constructing children's playgrounds in Zilfi's public gardens also was awarded to a national company at a cost of SR300,000, Moussa added.

King opens new airport next year

RIYADH, Nov. 30 — King Fahd will dedicate the new King Khaled International Airport in Riyadh during the month of July next year, *Okaz* reported Tuesday.

Nasser Al-Assaf, the head of the Civil Aviation Organization, said that preparations are in full swing so that the first phase of the airport's operation may start by the end of that month.

The airport lies 35 kilometers north of Riyadh on a 240 square kilometer area.

Preparations are also underway for the construction of a new international airport in the Eastern province between Dammam and Dhahran to service the industrial zone in Jubail and the city of Ras Tannura, the biggest oil shipping port in the world.

In other developments it was learned that after the second phase of King Abdul Aziz International Airport in Jeddah is completed, the airport will be able to receive more than 8.5 million passengers annually.

Penalties levied after inaccurate diagnoses given

RIYADH, Nov. 30 — Three doctors, a pharmacist and a nurse were penalized here for inaccurate diagnosis and liberal prescription of antibiotics. The doctors had diagnosed Dr. Hamad Al-Sughair, health undersecretary, who visited two clinics incognito.

Two months, one month and 15 days' salaries were deducted from the three doctors, while the pharmacist and nurse were fined a week's pay each, according to *Al-Riyadh* newspaper Tuesday.

The paper said that the "undercover supervision and checking campaign will continue to spot out wrong diagnosis and mis-treatment."

Student cigarette purchases banned

MAKKAH, Nov. 30 — In a drive to combat smoking by young people, Makkah Municipality has banned the purchase of cigarettes by students and young boys at Ummul Qura University canteens and other shops near schools.

Heads of branch offices were advised by the municipality to warn shopkeepers against selling cigarettes to students and young boys, according to *Okaz* newspaper Tuesday.

Offenders will be subject to stern penalties.

Abdullah sends cables
RIYADH, (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, has sent cables of greetings to Mauritanian President Lt.-Colonel Muhammad Khouna Haidalla and Yugoslavia President Petar Stambolic on the occasion of their countries national day. In his cables, the crown prince wished the Mauritanian and Yugoslav peoples continued progress and prosperity.

Australian Islamic delegation
MAKKAH, (SPA) — members of an Islamic delegation from Australia here conferred with Muslim world League (MWL) secretary-general Sheikh Muhammad Ali Harkan. The talks covered the progress of

The land of many islands

Danish exhibit depicts heritage, culture

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Nov. 30 — "Once upon a time a thousand years ago, there was a King of Denmark named Gorm The Old. All through the years, his family has ruled the oldest kingdom of the world and the present Queen Margrethe II is a descendant of the Old King Gorm."

These lines greet visitors to the Danish exhibition at the Dar el Hanan School, which was opened by Danish Ambassador Frantz B. Howitz here Monday evening.

The Ambassador said that the idea behind such exhibitions, which are part of a cultural exchange program the school adopted about seven years ago, is to give a general idea to the Saudi Arabian students and parents about the culture of a country.

The culture is projected through the exhibits about main writers, artists, painters, arts and crafts, products and exports, and social and geographical background including the type of rule or government and historical background. In short, the exhibition is meant to give a basic idea of what to look for in the country concerned, to know where it is and what it does.

The Danish exhibition, for whose organization the ambassador's wife, Dr. Penak Howitz and Commercial Attache B. Petersen took keen personal interest, is divided into six sectors — artistic posters and books; a fully equipped kindergarten with a library of children's books; oil paintings and prints by well-known Danish artists from the late 19th century to the present day. Danish silver, porcelain and glass works are also on display.

The other sectors are export commodities from 11 Danish firms which cater especially to the educational sector; a film show of the fairy tales by the world famous Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen and a film on the Danish monarchy.

Commercial firms participating in the show include one making new a series of Danish design electrical switches for homes and offices, whose Middle East representative is Johan F. Hansen.

That's Denmark, land of the many islands



CHILDREN AMUSED: The Dar el-Hanan School children wielding their brushes on the papers are amused as Danish Ambassador Frantz B. Howitz, left, and Nabil Nassif of the Jamal & Nassif Swimming Pools and Fountains visit them after opening the Danish exhibition in the School here Monday evening.

Denmark has separate legislative and judicial powers. Danish law demonstrates that fewer and sons can produce more and lifetime of education is the progress; "so we invest in people." There was outdoor fun-fair on the opening day. The School sang nursery rhymes.

The exhibition remains open to the public from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily until Dec.

Royal Commission, UPM propose sand dune research

DHAHRAN, Nov. 30 (SPA) — A multiple research program on the reason for sand advance in the northern part of Jubail Industrial City will soon be implemented. The program is sponsored by the research center of the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dammam in cooperation with the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu.

The director of the center, Dr. Abdullah Al-Dabbagh said that during the 29-month research program, the effectiveness of the present methods to stop the progress of sand

dunes will be evaluated. Recommendations and proposals will be formulated to remedy the problem.

Dr. Dabbagh said that the ramping of sand dunes might affect the industrial city's industrial installations, roads and residential districts. Therefore, an integrated system to control the desertification process is required and if results are encouraging the same system might be implemented elsewhere in

Saudi Arabia. The researchers will compile data on the various methods used in other countries and will draw up a survey of places where the sands accumulate.

They will also probe the link between such accumulation and the environment. Advanced equipment will be used in the research. Adequate barriers will have to be devised in the light of several experiments.

Prayer Times

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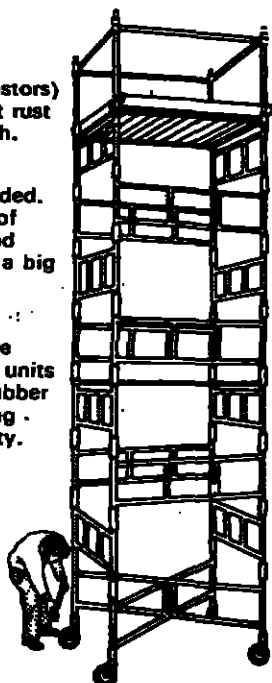
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Diabetes symposium
TAIF, (SPA) — An international symposium on diabetes diagnosis and treatment will be inaugurated here Wednesday by Deputy Defense Minister Prince Abdul Rahman bin Abdul Aziz.

Diabetes and ductless glands specialists from the U.S., the United Kingdom, Denmark, Belgium, West Germany as well as experts from Saudi Arabia will take part in the gathering organized by the Army Medical Services section.

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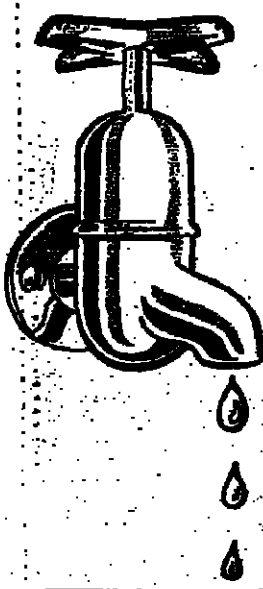
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GCC strategy underlines Gulf security

BEIRUT, Nov. 30 (SPA) — The proposed military strategy of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) was aimed at maintaining maximum coordination to ward off any foreign intervention in the region's affairs, Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa said in a recent interview.

He told the Lebanese weekly magazine *Al-Nahar* that the strategy would be based on the fact that Gulf security was the responsibility of the Gulf states.

Khalifa warned against an Iranian assault on Iraqi territory describing this as a "dangerous" action which would not only threaten Iraq but also the Arab nation, including the Gulf people.

Khalifa called for an immediate end to Iraq-Iran conflict and urged the two warring armies to keep to their countries' international borders.

He said the Gulf states' stand towards Iraq was quite clear and noted that there was full understanding between Iraq and the GCC states.

Khalifa expressed the council states' readiness to contribute to the reconstruction of Lebanon and said the pressing issue before them was the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the country and realization of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Thirty schools among projects underway in Baha

BAHA, Nov. 30 (SPA) — SR140 million worth of projects are underway in the Baha region for constructing 30 schools, of which 22 are primaries, seven intermediate and one secondary.

Baha Education Director Fahd Jaber Al-Harthi said Monday that the Education Ministry has, so far, constructed 68 schools in Baha. Five more projects have been tendered, Harthi said, adding that construction of Baha Education Department's building will soon be issued as a public tender. Sites are being prepared now for more educational projects, including a public library, a scout camp and a student hostel, he said.

The total number of existing schools in the Baha region has reached 212, administered by a staff of 541 teachers and catering for 19,614 students. Of the total, 156 are primary schools where 14,129 students receive their studies and are taught by 999 teachers.

The 40 intermediate schools in the region accommodate 3,824 students, with a staff of 399. A total of 1,661 students attend the 16 secondary schools which are run by a staff of 143.

Harthi met with directors of schools in the region to discuss the role of teachers and administrators in the educational process. Curricula, teaching methods, self-explanatory books and methods of evaluation also were discussed.

Farmers granted SR7.4m loans

AHSA, Nov. 30 (SPA) — One hundred and twenty-four loans of a total value of SR7,400,000 were granted to farmers in Hofuf and Haifi-el-Baten by the Eastern Province Agricultural Bank during the last two weeks of October and first two weeks of November.

The director of the local branch, Abdul Aziz Al-Uwayfir, said that the loans helped farmers procure pumps and other agricultural machinery. They were also used to drill a number of artesian wells.

Uwayfir said that the funds also financed two agricultural projects here, one for the production of 18,000 chickens a year, and the other for the production of 713,600 chickens by artificially treating the eggs. The loans extended for those two projects totalled SR760,320.

The official said that subsidies given by the branch last month came up to SR7,100,000 for farmers, poultry breeders and sponsors of dairy projects.

Rabigh projects receive SR70m

RABIGH, Nov. 30 (SPA) — More than SR70 million has been allocated for municipal projects in Rabigh, according to the town's mayor, Ali Rasheed Al-Dosari. The major project is a water network and tanks program which will cost SR68 million with the work site already handed over to the executing company.

Rabigh Municipality is also constructing a 6,000-square meter public garden with children's playgrounds. Illumination is underway for four streets and final preparations are being made for organizing an afforestation week to plant trees in the town's gardens. All government departments and companies operating in the town are taking part in the tree-planting week.

Alkhobar Dec. 3 UNICEF bazaar

ALKHOBAR, Nov. 30 — A bazaar featuring hand-made and home-made products will take place here Friday at the Al-Zahra Recreation Center. All funds raised by the event will be donated to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Abha vocational center begins registration
ABHA, Nov. 30 (SPA) — The Abha Vocational Training Center has announced the beginning of registration for evening courses. The five-month courses begin Dec. 16 and comprise several specializations including car



GOURMETS: Members of the Damman Chapter of the Chaine des Rotisseurs are shown here in full regalia. They recently met at the Alhamra Hotel for a 10 course meal.

Paris officials welcome Damman 'Chaines' members

By Jean Gram
Alkhobar Bureau

DAMMAM, Nov. 30 — The second chapter of the Chaine des Rotisseurs



PREPARATIONS MADE: Chef Manfred Muenger prepares one of the many dishes that were featured during the meal.

gathered over a 10 course meal at the Alhamra Hotel in Damman recently for the investiture of 14 new members. At the same time Abdul Aziz Al Shina was promoted to the rank of Chevalier d'honneur and Khalil Elias to the rank of vice conseiller.

The truth of the proverb "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach" has long been recognized by wives and mothers, but the Chaine des Rotisseurs goes one step further and asserts that the mutual enjoyment of good food can contribute to better global understanding.

With 57,000 members in over 90 countries, the gastronomic association is dedicated to the enjoyment of fine cuisine. The national chapter of Saudi Arabia opened last year in Riyadh. There are now regional branches at the Alhamra Hotel in Damman, the Alkhosama Hotel in Riyadh, and the Hyatt Regency in Jeddah.

The gargantuan meal featured such delicacies as avocado with seafood mousse, duck with orange, and fillet mignon with chicory soufflé. It was prepared by Alhamra Hotel Executive Chef Manfred Muenger.

Air pressure monitor firm claims device lessens tire blowout danger

By Omar Basaddiq
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Nov. 30 — A novel device which its manufacturers claim increases the life of truck tires by not less than 30 percent and prevents some of the dangers associated with dual tires has been introduced into the Kingdom.

The device is called the "Ede Ertco Equalization System" or simply the "pressure monitor", which the Texas-based worldwide marketers of the product, Michael Ede Management Inc. is introducing into the Kingdom for the first time, starting with the Eastern Region.

The monitor itself is a simple-looking but sophisticated piece of equipment that weighs no more than 3½ ounces (the complete assembly weighs about 9 ounces) and is mounted on a bracket that is attached to an axle bolt or lug nut; attached to it are two short lengths of hose which connect the monitor (control) to the two valves of dual tires.

The pressure monitor is the brainchild of the Swiss engineer-physicist Hans Etter, and its conception was the result of a near-fatal accident in which he was involved and in which an inner tire blow-out followed by the failure of the outer tire almost ended his life. This occurrence stimulated his interest in the "physical conflict" between dual tires on a dual assembly.

Experiments showed that many accidents were the result of incompatibility of differential pressures in a set of tires. It was then proved that the equalization of air pressure in dual tires greatly increased the safety of dual-wheeled vehicles and also reduced heat, which is one of the biggest killers of tires. This equalization of air pressure is what the monitor is all about, and one of the resultant benefits is substantial savings in running costs.

The technical consultant firm of Michael Ede Management Inc. Larry Goodson, who is on a visit to the Kingdom, told *Arab News*: "By equalizing air pressure between dual tires, heat is minimized, and the Ertco Monitor not only does this but also can show whether or not the tires are, in fact, properly inflated. If there is an imbalance in air pressure, the monitor allows air to pass back and forth between them as it expands and contracts in volume with temperature changes."

Apart from reducing danger to tires, the monitor is said to also increase tire life by between 30-50 percent or more, resulting in substantial savings by fleet-operators and other truck-owners. Goodson said, adding: "It's ideal for desert conditions."

The monitor has a built-in sensing device that will prevent two simultaneous blow-outs or two flat tires. It identifies a tire malfunction and progressively shuts-off the transfer of air from one to the other. In the event of a blow-out the device immediately recognizes that condition and prevents any air from passing through the good tire to the tire with the blow-out. On a slow-leak the monitor would not only identify the leak but the rate of loss as well.

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UPM dean is key speaker at book fair

MANAMA, Nov. 30 — Dr. Saleh Ashoor, dean of library affairs at the University of Petroleum and Minerals will be one of the key speakers during the Dec. 5-10 Middle East Book Fair in Bahrain at the exhibition center.

Ashoor will be joined by Dr. Muhammad Zehery, chief technical adviser of the UNESCO/Arab League Documentation Center and Dr. W. Boyd Rayward, dean of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School.

A UNESCO-backed project to produce a record of world publishing will be a major topic of discussion during a two-day library development seminars.

More than 300 publishers will be represented at the Gulf's first academic book fair, including substantial groups from UK, USA, Netherlands, India and West Germany.

Dr. Richard Cheffins, of the International Federation of Library Associations, will discuss the role of the Arab world and the Gulf states in producing their national bibliographies in his paper entitled "Bibliographic control — UBC in a regional context."

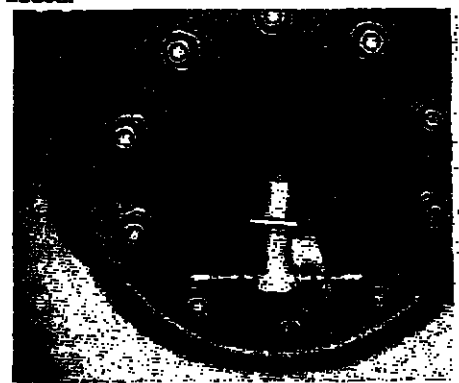
46 km road link in final phase

ALKHOBAR, Nov. 30 (SPA) — The final phase of the SR120 million road linking Aziziya to the Nisf Al-Qamar beach is now under construction, according to Sami Fauda, director general of roads in the Eastern Province. The 46 kilometer road consists of three lanes in each direction, he said, with a 20-meter median in the middle.

"The road is being constructed according to latest international specifications to keep pace with the developing network and traffic in the province," Fauda said. "Electronic devices were used in laying down asphalt," he added.

The road has been completely illuminated and traffic lights have been installed. Side roads were built to various parts of the beach.

The complete project will be handed over during the coming three months, Fauda said. "The road provides further and improved services to citizens and facilitates access to the Aziziya and Nisf Al-Qamar beaches," he added.



AIR PRESSURE MONITOR: This photo shows a wheel on which the Ertco air pressure equalization monitor has been installed.

Establishment, who are the distributors of the monitor in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf said "The response to it from some fleet operators and other truck owners has been very encouraging."

The monitor was awarded a Gold Medal by the Geneva Inventors and Technicians Fair as a scientific breakthrough; and the TCS (Switzerland's largest motor club) awarded it their prize for its contribution to road safety.

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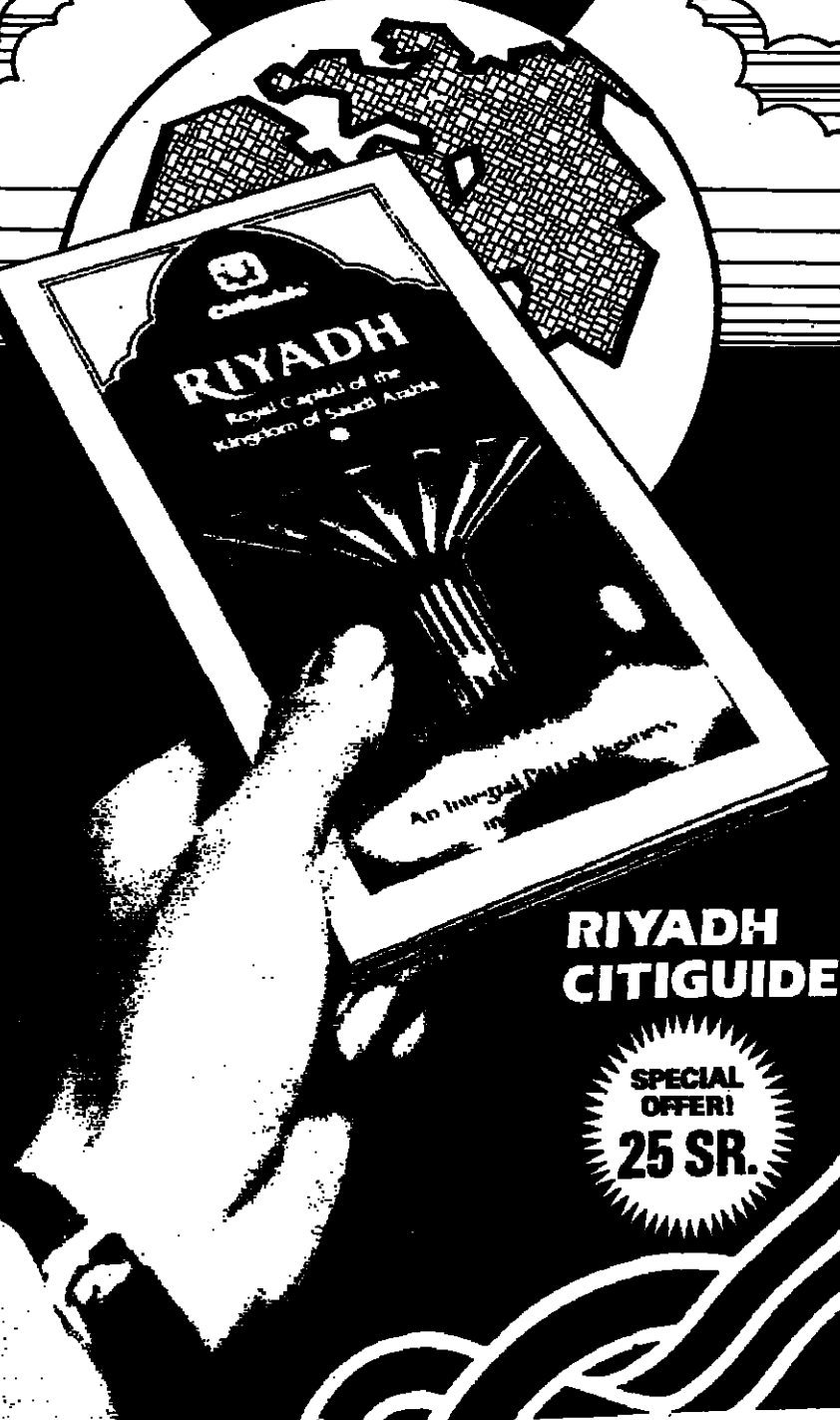
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King Hussein, Arafat study confederation

AMMAN, Nov. 30 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat said Tuesday his three-day talks with Jordan's King Hussein focused on the prospects of forming a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

The talks with King Hussein concentrated on the future of Jordanian-Palestinian relations on the basis of confederation. We agreed to continue talks and consultations on this subject," Arafat told reporters at Amman airport.

It was the first time the PLO chief had publicly acknowledged discussing confederation with King Hussein since U.S. President Ronald Reagan suggested the idea in a major Middle East peace initiative last September.

PLO aide blasts Thatcher's stance

RABAT, Nov. 30 (R) — Britain's attitude toward the Arab League is a result of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's "personal stubbornness" and American pressure, according to a Palestinian leader here. Khaled Al-Hassan, a leading member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) Fatah Central Committee, commented at a news conference here Monday night on the decision by an Arab League delegation to cancel a visit to London.

The proposed meeting with Mrs. Thatcher

Previous PLO statements insisted that confederation with Jordan could take place only after an independent Palestinian state was established in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Arafat reiterated that establishment of an independent Palestinian state remained the main objective of the PLO's political, military and diplomatic struggle.

Meanwhile, Arafat arrived in Aden from Jordan Tuesday and said he would discuss Arab and Palestinian developments with South Yemen President Ali Nasser Muhammad. Officials said Arafat would spend several days in South Yemen during which he would also attend celebrations marking the country's independence 15 years ago.

and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, set for Wednesday and Thursday, was called off last week because Britain refused to accept a PLO representative as a delegation member, sources said.

Al-Hassan, who is chairman of the Palestine National Council's foreign relations commission, said Mrs. Thatcher was "well-known for her personal stubbornness" and her position regarding the mission was "the result of American pressures."

U.N. chief seeks bold move on M.E.

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 30 (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has called for bold and imaginative diplomacy to solve the Middle East conflict and said the United Nations had a crucial role to play in the peace-making process.

In a statement Monday marking the 35th anniversary of the U.N. vote which partitioned Palestine into Arab and Jewish states, he said: "The search for a lasting peace in the Middle East is all the more important as the conflict may well develop in such a way as to seriously threaten international peace and security."

"What is required is bold, imaginative, energetic and effective diplomacy to evolve a common basis for a just settlement," he said.

He reaffirmed U.N. support for a settlement incorporating Palestinian self-determination, Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands and the right of all states in the region to secure and recognized boundaries.

"The United Nations, I am convinced, has a constructive and crucial role to play in the peace-making and peacekeeping process," the 62-year-old Peruvian secretary-general said.

Gemayel blames Israel for troop impasse

BEIRUT, Nov. 30 (AFP) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel has blamed Israel for the delay in opening negotiations on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon. "Each time we overcome an obstacle, Israel creates a new one, and this has been going on for several weeks," Gemayel said in a press communique released here Monday reviewing the outcome of latest contacts made by U.S. emissaries in Beirut and Tel Aviv.

He said the Lebanese government would not negotiate until "we know once and for all exactly what Israel's conditions are." By contrast, the United States "unequivocally supports" Lebanon, Gemayel said.

Problems surrounding the withdrawal of foreign troops were "very complicated" and "very difficult" to resolve because "everyone is ready to help us maintain peace and no one is prepared to release our territory."

Lebanese Army raids leftist center

BEIRUT, Nov. 30 (AP) — Lebanese Army units raided a cultural center run by the Muslim Murabitoun organization and confiscated 14,000 religious books and legal documents, the group's radio station reported Tuesday. The "Voice of Arab Lebanon," broadcast a statement issued by the group condemning the Monday raid, saying that such attacks on cultural institutions "remind us of the darkest days in ancient history."

The radio said Lebanon's grand mufti, Hassan Khaled, issued a statement charging that "Lebanese Army units backed by irreg-



President Amin Gemayel

Gemayel said there were three main causes for the complexity of the situation in his country:

— Foreign forces — Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian — wanted each other out of Lebanon. But while all claimed their own national security was at risk, none of them ever considered the security of Lebanon.

— Each Lebanese faction wanted foreign troops to leave the territory it controlled first.

— A "fifth column" existed which benefited from the conflicting ideologies and religions in Lebanon.

lars carried out the raids with the intention of humiliating Muslims.

"It is about time that a state official put an end to such practices," the radio quoted the mufti as saying. The radio said Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan had ordered that the books be returned.

The Murabitoun, a Nasserite group, fielded one of the largest militias in West Beirut before the Lebanese Army took control of the capital and confiscated the weapons of militias that were allied with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Afghanistan 'a poison in Soviet body'

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand has described Afghanistan as "a poison in the Soviet body" and said the only solution to the conflict in that country lay in a return to self-determination for the Afghan people. Soviet intervention in Afghanistan had driven a wedge between the Soviet Union on the one hand, for the first time since the days of Lenin, the French president said.

Zia sees elections 'in 2 to 3 years'

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (AFP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has said in an interview with The New York Times that the country's first general elections since the military takeover in 1977 could be held "within two to three years." But Zia added that it was difficult to say exactly when the elections would be held.

He noted there was no firm democratic tradition in Pakistan and politics in the country meant "violence" and "character assassinations."

Arabs rap Shamir's Zaire visit

KINSHASA, Zaire, Nov. 30 (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has promised Zaire officials that his country will work in Zaire "to set an example of serious, friendly aid in Africa," the Israeli delegation told reporters Tuesday. Shamir arrived Monday for a 48-hour visit marking the restoration of relations which were resumed last May after a nine-year break.

Mubarak arrives in India for talks

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt arrived Tuesday for talks with Indian leaders on the Middle East and the future of the Nonaligned Movement. President Zail Singh and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi greeted Mubarak at Delhi

Today the military operation in Afghanistan was not going as the Soviet leaders had expected and had become an embarrassment.

Mitterrand, speaking to the press on the third day of his official visit here and after completing two rounds of talks with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, also said that a solution to the Middle East crisis lay in mutual and prior recognition by Israel and the Palestinians.

nation." Zia said he saw "no solution in sight" for Afghanistan and reiterated that Soviet troops must withdraw and Afghanistan return to its nonaligned status.

He made no mention of the possible pull-out by Soviet forces which he evoked in an interview with the London Financial Times. Zia also said that he was "a little more optimistic" about Pakistan relations after his meeting with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at the beginning of November.

In Tunis, the Secretariat of the Arab League, in a communique issued Tuesday, condemned Shamir's visit as "a new challenge by Zaire to Arab-African fraternity," which took place at a time when Israel was "condemned by world public opinion for its guilt in the Beirut massacres, and now for its occupation of Lebanon."

military airport and later were his hosts at a banquet in Rashtrapathi Bhavan, the Indian presidential palace. Mubarak was accompanied on the two-day visit by Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Boutros Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs.

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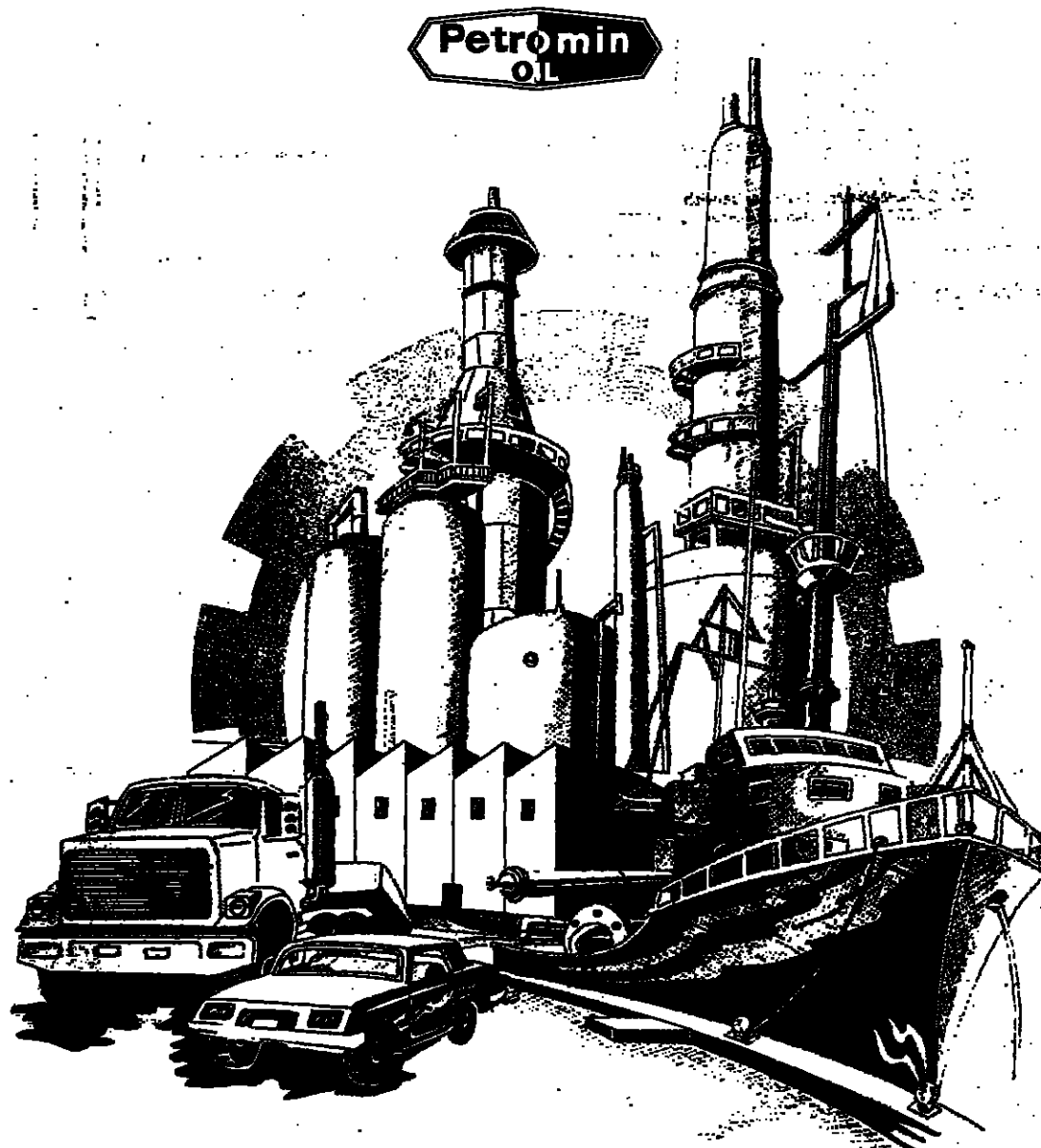
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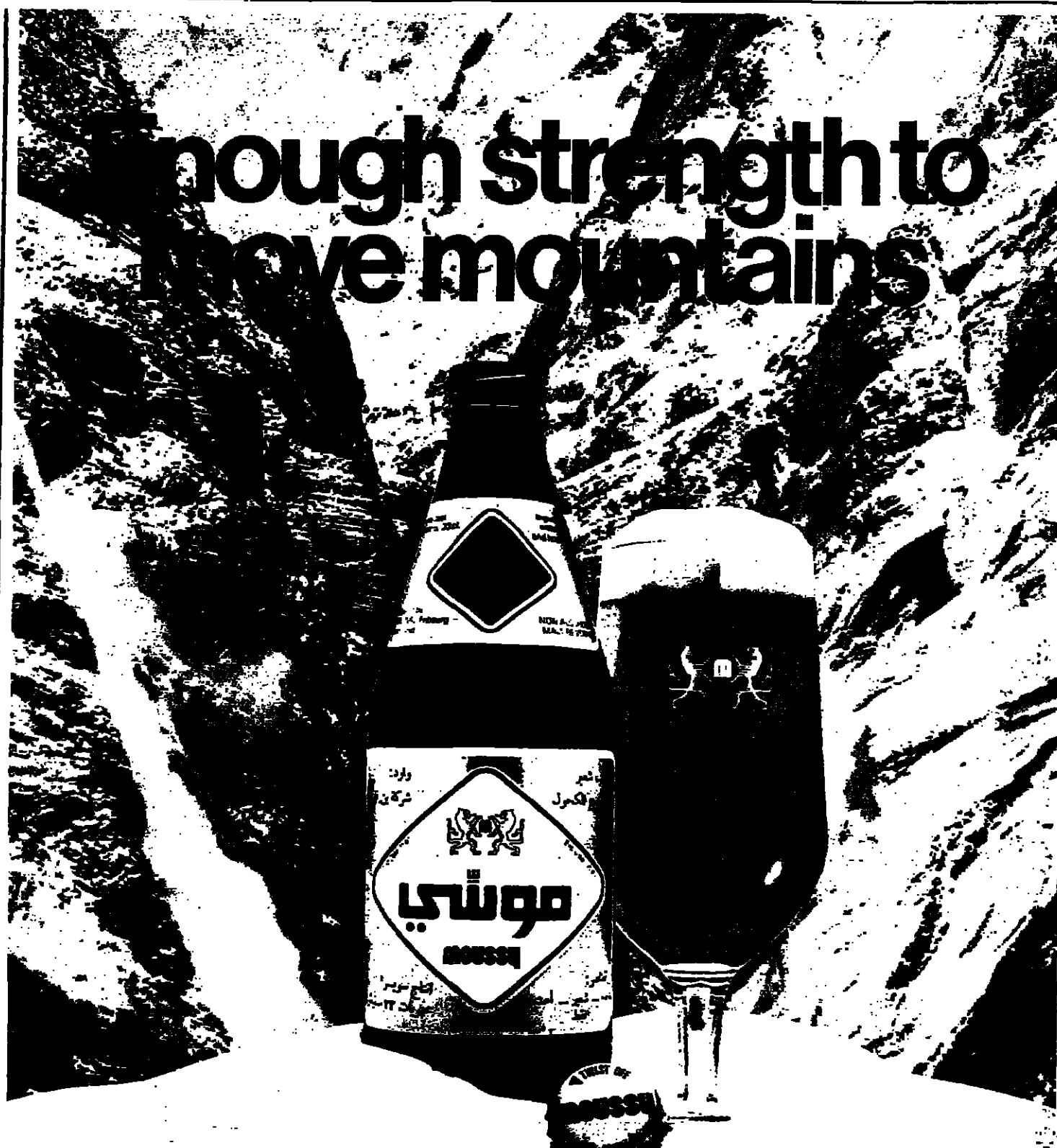
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TWO-FACED POLICIES

The British government's refusal to receive a Palestine Liberation Organization representative once again reveals its hypocrisy and duplicity.

Britain which claims impartiality in dealing with the Palestine problem is not to be trusted at all. Decisions and actions taken at 10 Downing Street are directed from the White House. Mrs. Thatcher by following the American action perhaps wants to please Washington and show her gratitude for the U.S. support during the Malvinas war. Britain without the support of the United States would have suffered a crushing defeat.

In the light of all this Mrs. Thatcher's refusal does not come as a surprise at all to those who are well versed with Britain's two-faced policies.

Not content with creating the Israeli monster, Britain along with the arch foe of the Palestinian people — the United States — is helping the terrorists in Tel Aviv to grow stronger and more militant. Satisfaction is expressed when Arab blood is spilled and havoc and destruction are wrought upon the Arabs. To add to this is the audacity of the British in asking that the Arab seven-member committee give assurances not to undertake violent action against their beloved Israel. Why should the Palestinians recognize Israel's right to exist when the Zionist entity does not even acknowledge the Palestinians as a people? The Arabs have had enough. It was a mistake to go to Washington. The Arab committee should never have set foot in the American capital as long as the U.S. government refuses to deal with the PLO. Perhaps the Arabs will learn from their past mistakes. As for the British, the less said about them the better.

Their trade delegations to the Arab countries speak of warm friendship for the Arabs. But after contracts worth millions of pounds are signed these very people go back to denounce the Arabs and ridicule their leaders.

King Hassan has done the right thing by canceling the visit to Britain due to the "offensive" conditions laid by Mrs. Thatcher's government. It is hoped that the Arab states will teach the British government a lesson by suspending all economic relations. This may bring them to their senses. Or ask all British government officials visiting the Arab countries to publish statements denouncing the Israeli terrorists. This would not be asking for too much.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Jazirah Tuesday deplored what it called Europe's weak and vague stand on the Middle East conflict and said it ran short of the Arab nation's aspirations and the real weight of Europe in the international arena.

The paper said such a stand was the outcome of a weak political and economic Arab pressure on European states to take a fair position toward the legitimate Arab rights as well as Europe's inability to adopt an independent stand free from American influence.

Referring to the postponement of the Arab League delegation's visit to London, the paper deplored British demands that it would receive the delegation only when the Arab League recognized Israel. The paper said it was regrettable that no European country could provide a guarantee for a similar recognition of the PLO and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

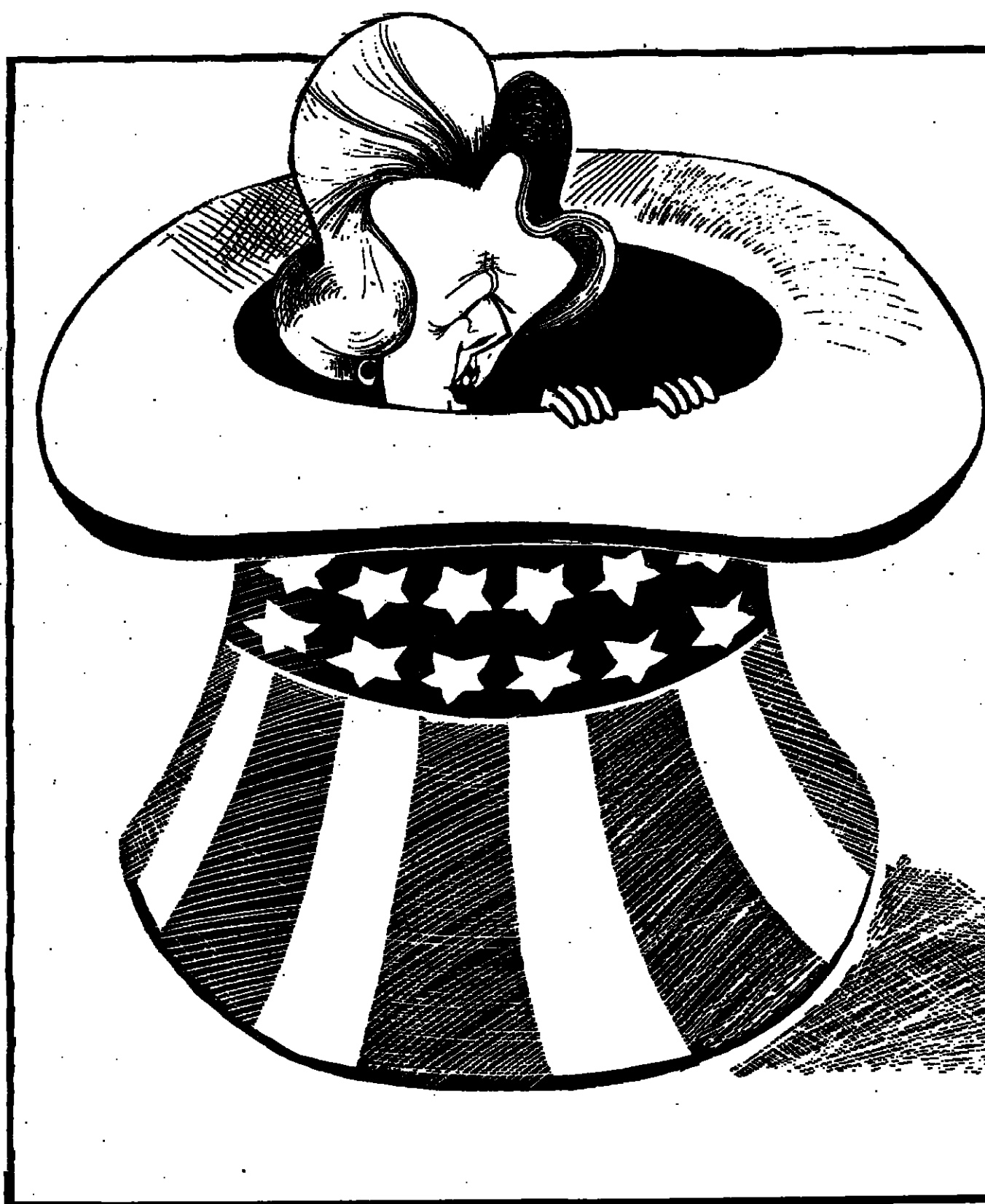
Okaz welcomed the decision to cancel the delegation's visit to London and said the move was a positive step in line with the Arab

stand aimed at ensuring the legitimate Arab rights.

"A unified Arab stand is the only leverage that can lead to recovering Arab rights," the paper added. It noted that the Arab nation had enough political and economic power to "achieve its higher interests, led by the Palestine cause."

Al-Nadwa warned against Israel's pretenses to "maintain its troops in Lebanon by fomenting trouble and sedition in the country." The paper called for an immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanese territory and urged all parties concerned to disclose the exact date of withdrawal.

Al-Riyadh condemned Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's "terrorist policies and practices" which it said had led to the collapse of the OAU summit in Tripoli. The paper deplored Qaddafi's practices inside and outside his country and said they would "harm a great deal Afro-Arab unity." (SPA)



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The party struggle that could have cost Hoxha his life

By Ronald Farquhar

VIENNA — Albanian Communist Chief Enver Hoxha, Europe's longest-serving political leader, has emerged triumphant yet again from a party struggle which he said could have cost him his life. The 74-year-old former partisan commander, who has ruled the small Balkan state of 2.67 million people on strictly orthodox Stalinist lines for 38 years, astounded the world earlier last month by denouncing his former closest aide, Mehmet Shehu, as a foreign agent with orders to kill him.

The late Prime Minister Shehu, officially reported to have committed suicide while still in office on Dec. 18 last year, was unmasked as a traitor who had zealously served in turn the secret services of the United States, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union, Hoxha said in a public speech earlier last month. A group of accomplices who plotted

with Shehu to destroy the Communist Party and the political system, and to subject Albania to foreign rule, had been arrested and were now in the hands of the authorities for full investigation, the party head said.

Western analysts said Hoxha's disclosures appeared indirectly to confirm that a fierce political struggle raged in the country during the closing months of 1981, and that a purge of Shehu's supporters accompanied or followed his death.

The appointment last week of a new head of state and the replacement of nine ministers in a government reshuffle were apparently not directly connected with the purge — apart from the ousting of Kadri Haxhiu, 63, a close associate of Shehu who lost his portfolio as defense minister. Six of the dropped ministers received new jobs which analysts said indicated that none was out of favor, although the new appointments raised the question of what had happened to the previous incumbents.

Albanian diplomatic sources in Vienna were at pains to portray the reorganization as routine changes with older men making way for younger comrades. But they acknowledged that a "small purge" of Shehu's followers had taken place earlier, although they could not say what would happen to the victims.

The most significant new appointment, Western analysts said, was the election of Ramiz Alia, 57, a party ideologist and former youth leader, as titular head of state in succession to Haxhi Lleshi, 69, who held the post for nearly 30 years.

The elevation of Alia, already a member of the ruling Communist Party's 12-man Politburo, or inner cabinet, and of the party secretariat, seemed further confirmation that he is being groomed as Hoxha's ultimate successor, the analysts thought. Alia and Adil Carcani, 60, an economist and technocrat who succeeded Shehu as prime minister, form together with Hoxha a new ruling triumvirate.

The whole Politburo attended the meeting on Nov. 10 at which the party chief made his disclosures and analysts said this confirmed the leadership remained otherwise intact.

Victories over "internal and external enemies" have punctuated Hoxha's long career as he steered Albania on an independent course. His policies have kept the rest of the world at arm's length and led to ideological breaches with both the Communist giants, the Soviet Union and China, besides a permanent feud with neighboring Yugoslavia.

Erring party comrades were purged from the leadership in the 1950s for pro-Yugoslav sympathies, others in the 1960s for serving Moscow and still more in the mid-1970s because of Peking-backed treason. But Shehu, 68, who had been prime minister since 1954 and once regarded as Hoxha's most likely successor, is the highest ranking victim ever to fall.

Hoxha said Shehu worked for American intelligence before World War II, was recruited by the Yugoslav secret service while fighting as an Albanian partisan against Italian and German occupying troops, and later served the Soviet KGB secret police and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

"Mehmet Shehu had received orders from the Yugoslav UDB (security service) to kill the first secretary of the central committee (Hoxha), and other leaders of the party and state, as well as to use terrorist means to crush all those who rose against this great treachery," Hoxha said. Shehu finally "broke his head" against the unity of the Communist Party and the people, and had no alternative but to commit suicide, Hoxha added.

"It may be hard for you to believe," Albanian diplomats here told Western reporters who questioned the probability of a murderous agent at the very top of the Tirana Communist establishment. "But there is evidence to prove it, and it will be published in due course."

The message out of Tirana today is that Hoxha and his "go-it-alone" policies are still very much alive — although he is possibly preparing for the day when at last he must hand over to someone else. (R)

Africa's downward spiral alarms the West

By Richard Hall

LONDON — The desperate and swiftly worsening economic state of black Africa is now sending waves of alarm through Western capitals. Some countries, such as Sudan, are so drained of foreign exchange they have had to stop the import of vital drugs for their medical services. At many African universities, students are virtually without books.

Development hopes are being buried under mountains of debt. World prices for the basic exports of African countries — such as cocoa, cotton and copper — have slumped since the end of 1980, relative to the cost of their imports of manufactured goods.

Africa's downward spiral is causing "grave concern," says Tom Clausen, president of the World Bank. Fragile infrastructures are in many cases close to crumbling. The threat of famine looms, yet states with soaring populations cannot pay for food imports.

There is a growing belief in Africa that the world's richest country, the United States, is "aid weary" and indifferent to the critical economic trends.

The United States is being criticized at the World Bank on two counts: it is dragging its feet about the "bridging finance" for the International Development Association (the zero-interest "soft loan" arm of the World Bank), and has decided to spread its next donation of \$3 billion over four years instead of three, just when the needs of the poorest countries have become more acute.

At the same time, the collapse of commodity prices has largely been caused by the hard-line disinflationary policies of the United States and other Western countries. African politicians increasingly accuse the rich of solving their own economic troubles by passing on the cost to the poor.

Debt is the crux of the predicament. Some African countries are due to pay this year in interest and principal as much as they will earn from exports. The task is beyond them. At least 40 low-income countries, mainly in Africa, are in arrears with their public debts.

Tanzania has just managed to hand over \$24 million outstanding to the World Bank. It was so far behind with the payment that all development projects in the country were halted for four months. Commercial banks find themselves rescheduling payments that have been rescheduled already for chronic cases, such as Zaire. The accumulated debts of Zaire are now \$5 billion.

Twenty percent has always been seen as the uppermost limit for a nation's debt service ratio — the proportion of all debt payments to total export earnings. In Africa 40 percent is no longer a rarity. Sudan is up to more than 100 percent. Even "boom countries," such as Nigeria and Kenya, are in dire balance of payments trouble with slim reserves to draw on.

The sharp rise in debt liabilities this year has been caused by high interest rates in the developed world. African leaders repeatedly condemned this unforeseen burden. As Ghana Radio said recently: "The imposition of oppressive credit terms is the method imperialism has perfected." It branded the

International Monetary Fund as the arch "capitalist institution."

Soon afterward, however, Ghana's revolutionary government had to set up exploratory talks with the IMF about a possible loan, so empty are its coffers. More than 60 percent of Ghana's exports are cocoa and in four years the world cocoa price has fallen by two-thirds in real terms.

A four-man IMF advance team visited Zambia recently to renew talks on payment of a \$850 million loan. The installments had been stopped when Zambia failed to obey the conditions attached to it. Zambia was once one of the richest countries in black Africa, but copper, which provides 95 percent of its earnings, is now being produced at a loss, so depressed is the world market.

African countries can find themselves overwhelmed by a natural hazard, such as drought, when they have been relying on a key crop for income. Tanzania's woes were increased in October by disease in its coffee crop.

The commercial banks are uncertain how to react. They dare not put a country finally into default, for fear of bringing the world's financial temple down on their own heads.

Private bank lending to Africa has almost dried up in recent months, producing belated cries of alarm. The IMF has appealed to banks not to stop lending to the Third World. If they did, Managing Director Jacques de Larosiere warned, it might put the whole capitalist financial system in peril.

The best hope of tiding black Africa over the crisis must lie with IDA "soft loans" from the World Bank. (ONS)

Gonzalez' moderation evokes public satisfaction

MADRID —

Forty-three years after Francisco Franco defeated the Republicans in the Spanish civil war, the Socialists, now firmly committed to the monarchy under King Juan Carlos, take office in Spain this week. But nothing could be further from the Socialist Workers Party, fresh from landslide elections on Oct. 28, than thoughts of revenge.

The Socialists, led by Felipe Gonzalez, have put memories of repression and exile under the dictator behind them. The cabinet line-up announced last week and statements from Gonzales and other senior party officials all point to moderation and economic rigor.

Seven years under King Juan Carlos and a centrist government gave everyone time to come to terms with the new democracy. Only military die-hards have given in without grace to the thought of being governed by their former prey and have organized a series of plots — one in February 1981 squashed by the calm taken by Juan Carlos.

On Tuesday the 40-year-old Gonzalez, reputed to be on excellent terms with the king, who is only four years his senior, submitted his program to parliament.

On Wednesday, after the opposition had had its say, Gonzalez will be confirmed as prime minister. The Socialists can rely on a massive 350 to 202 majority in the Cortes. The new cabinet, due to sit for the first time on Saturday, will have an average age of 40.

Party Deputy Secretary Alfonso Guerra — reportedly persuaded by last minute talks with Gonzalez — becomes deputy premier at the head of a team of 15, all drawn from the moderate wing of the party. Miguel Boyer, seen as the most Social-Democratic of the party's economic specialists, has been appointed "superminister" with overall control of the economic, trade and finance ministries.

Nine other cabinet members are career economists, leaving no doubt about the new prime minister's determination to tackle the country's economic troubles head on.

The conservative Catholic newspaper *Ya*, not renowned for its Socialist sympathies, Monday described the new team as committed democrats, with spotless pasts and said they deserved "a good measure of confidence."

The new government appears, to have quickly succeeded in winning the confidence not only of the

general public but of business and financial circles, and even the military establishment. Sources close to the main opposition party, Manuel Fraga Iribarne's People's Alliance, have expressed satisfaction at the moderation and "realism" shown so far by Gonzalez.

Those not wholly happy with the government line-up, particularly Boyer's appointment, are militants within the Socialist Workers Party. They resent the decision to keep out of the cabinet anyone who might prove too hard for the Spanish establishment to swallow. The party leadership has replied that the new government will not be "moderate as much as realistic", and brushed aside snide comments about "choirboy Socialists" from the party left.

Gonzalez meanwhile, though he has frozen the integration of Spanish forces into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) pending renegotiation, has emphasized Spain's commitment to the defense of the West. "We have not forgotten our country belongs to the Western world, and that we must share the responsibility for its defense," he told the West German magazine *Stern*. (AFP)

Today's Wednesday, Dec. 1st, the 335th day of 1982. There are 30 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1640 — Revolt in Portugal, which becomes independent under John IV.
- 1821 — Republic of San Domingo is established independent of Spain.
- 1897 — Zululand is annexed to Natal.
- 1917 — German East Africa is cleared of German troops; kings of Norway, Denmark and Sweden agree to maintain neutrality in World War I.
- 1925 — Locarno treaties are signed in London.
- 1935 — Chiang Kai-shek is elected president of the Kuomintang, China's ruling party.
- 1944 — Battle of Sar Basin in Germany begins in World War II.
- 1954 — The United States signs mutual security pact with Nationalist China.
- 1962 — India rejects China proposals for ceasefire and negotiations over disputed border territory.
- 1971 — India says its troops have occupied areas in East Pakistan and cut the only rail line into the state's northwest sector.
- 1972 — Irish parliament approves legislation cracking down on Irish Republican Army after several bombings in Dublin.
- 1977 — Arab leaders opposed to Egypt's peace overtures to Israel convene in Tripoli for what is called summit meeting of resistance.

Thought for today:

When prosperity comes, do not use all of it. Confucius, Chinese philosopher (551 B.C.-479 B.C.)

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Lured by prosperity

The American West living with missiles

By Dennis E. Curran

CHEYENNE, Wyoming (AP) — A solitary missile stands guard at the entrance to a 19th-century cavalry outpost in Cheyenne, a symbol of the change that has come to Wyoming and the American West since the days of the six-shooter gun.

The land stretches in rolling hills as far as the horizon, only occasionally broken by a rock outcrop, ranch building or tree. The long grass shimmers when the wind blows, and the prairie undulates like a green-brown ocean. Under winter snow, the high plains have the barren look of a moonscape.

Cattle country. Missile country.

The open range once attracted pioneers with guns called "peacekeepers." Now it is dotted with underground silos containing intercontinental ballistic missiles. President Ronald Reagan wants to bury 100 more missiles in the rolling prairie near here. They are multiple nuclear warhead missiles known as MXs. In a nationwide televised speech, Reagan dubbed them "peacekeepers."

The \$30-billion MX plan faces strong opposition in the U.S. Congress. Critics attack as unproven the theory that under enemy attack, some missiles in "dense pack" formation would survive and could be fired. They also say the plan could be outmoded in just a few years.

But here, missiles have been a way of life for more than two decades. Many who live here welcomed the president's call. "We've lived with them for over 20 years," says rancher Paul Etchepare, whose land north of Cheyenne is included in the 95 kilometer swath where the air force wants to place the missiles.

The MX plan calls for placement of the missiles in a 36-square-kilometer strip just north of Cheyenne and Francis E. Warren Air Force base, the onetime cavalry fort that already controls 200 Minuteman III missiles, one-fifth of the nation's ICBM arsenal.

Merchants see the MX installation as a boon to the economy. Other residents seem resigned to the prospect of another group of missiles close to home. "I've been surrounded by missiles most of my life," says Bill Woodhouse, a 35-year-old farmer from Albion, at the east edge of the proposed MX

area. "I don't see how the MXs would make things that much different."

Organized, vocal opposition comes mainly from the tri-state coalition, an alliance of church leaders, farmers and ranchers that claims 300 members in Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado. Wyoming's Catholic bishop, the Rev. Joseph Hart, has spoken against the MX, as have several number of peace groups.

The opposition is divided between those who on moral grounds oppose any nuclear proliferation and those who merely object to a big construction project in southeastern Wyoming because it would use up much land and water. "There's a very great fear, too, that the small-scale, family-oriented lifestyle and traditions here will be disrupted by the MX," says Francis Russell, a Catholic nun.

But there is a general climate of support, which may have been a factor in Reagan's choice of Wyoming as a base. The state's Democratic governor supports putting the missiles in Wyoming. "If the president determines the MX should come to Wyoming, based upon national security, I will support it," said Governor Ed Herschler. "Whatever ambivalence I may have had about this project, I like every other Wyomingite, am committed to maintaining the safety and security of the country."

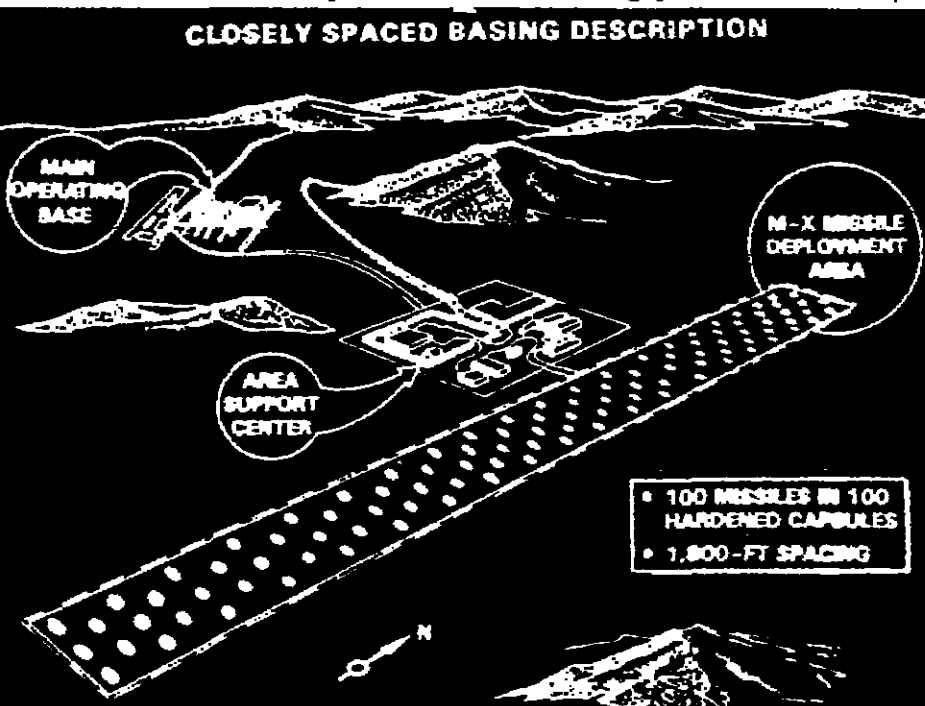
Wyoming's Congressional delegation, all Republicans, have said they would support basing the MX in Wyoming if it proves necessary for national defense. But all three have said they would prefer the missiles be placed elsewhere.

A University of Wyoming poll of 1,050 persons in October and informal surveys by news media this past week show at least some acceptance, if not open-armed, flag-waving welcome for the project. The MX means business in Cheyenne, a onetime cowtown that has grown with an economy based less on cattle than on commerce, transportation, government — and missiles.

Few seem worried that Cheyenne would be a major target if the MX is built. The city already is considered a major target because of the Minuteman III missiles. Again and again last week, Governor Herschler asserted that it matters little whether an enemy attacks Cheyenne to knock out Minuteman or MX missiles. "You'd be just as dead," he said.



WARHEADS: Technicians at a Wilmington plant assemble the re-entry vehicle of an MX missile. The black cones are dummy warheads used to position other parts of the missile. On completion the vehicle will contain six armed warheads shaped like the ones used here. Below: An artist's conception of the MX missile basing system.



Three Mile Island plant claims \$4 billion damage

By Joyce Eggington

NEW YORK (LOS) — In the desolating atmosphere of a small federal courtroom, its public benches half-empty, a trial of immense importance to the nuclear industry is going on in New York City.

It is one of the two largest of many law suits, in progress or pending, which stem from the near melt-down of one of two pressurized water reactors at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, and it is likely to reveal what really went on and who was responsible.

The suit, by General Public Utilities Corporation, owners and operators of the Three Mile Island plant, against the reactor's manufacturer, Babcock and Wilcox, is part of an unresolved argument about who will pay for loss of revenue and the clean-up of the crippled reactor.

Both it and its twin (which escaped damage) occupy an island in the middle of the broad Susquehanna River and have been idle since the accident of 28 March 1979 — by far the most serious in the history of commercial nuclear power.

General Public Utilities contends there were serious hazards in the plant which it was not informed about, but which had been known to Babcock and Wilcox for more than 18 months before the Three Mile Island reactor went out of control. It alleges that B&W engineers realized these hazards when they investigated a less serious accident at one of their reactors in Ohio in the autumn of 1977.

According to GPU's claim, B & W executives ignored their chief investigator's advice which, allegedly, was either to correct certain defects in all similar plants or at least to advise clients how to handle the kind of emergency which might arise from a loss of pressure in the steam generators.

The Three Mile Island accident was the result of a series of malfunctions which could have been corrected safely in the initial stages

but which apparently were not understood by men operating the plant.

Babcock and Wilcox, which is being sued by GPU for \$4,000 million (\$1,000 million for the cost of clean-up and the rest for loss of revenue in the three-and-a-half years that the two reactors have been closed down), denies negligence. During the trial, which is expected to last two months, B & W lawyers are likely to argue that the negligence lay with men were actually operating the Three Mile Island reactors and that their company cannot be held liable.

Another massive law suit by GPU is pending in Pennsylvania, with the utility company suing the federal government for another \$4,000 million, alleging that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission failed to monitor and promote nuclear safety.

There is a rash of lesser law suits in connection with the accident, including one against GPU by some of its shareholders and another against GPU by residents of the Three Mile Island area who are seeking to recover the cost of evacuation, loss of work time and the fall in property values.

"It is still extremely difficult to sell a house within a five-mile radius of the reactors," says Mrs. Beverly Hess, an anti-nuclear activist in the area. "The psychological impact continues to cause a lot of distress. Among the people who have recently moved away there is a woman who, at considerable financial loss, took her eight-year-old child to Florida because she simply couldn't bear to live within sight of that tower any longer."

General Public Utilities is pressing for permission to restore operations from its undamaged reactor at Three Mile Island, and has embarked on an impressive television advertising campaign aimed at residents, promising safe and reliable electrical power.

"They no longer say it will be inexpensive," says Mrs. Hess, "and a lot of people here are now strongly opposed to nuclear power."

Mexico's missing sons and mourning mothers

By Robert Block

MEXICO CITY (R) — A group of Mexicans is on hunger strike here in an attempt to force the government to reveal the whereabouts of 507 persons who mysteriously disappeared over the past seven years. According to the group, they were abducted by the Mexican authorities and are being held without trial.

The hunger strikers, huddled in tents set up inside the city's historic metropolitan cathedral opposite the presidential palace, said they would maintain their vigil until the government provided them with the information they wanted. Posted outside the cathedral gates are hundreds of photos of missing people, some with brief histories attached, including names and dates of disappearance. Others are just blurred images of nameless faces. The hunger strike will be one of the issues facing incoming President

Miguel de la Madrid who takes office Thursday.

While Mexico shares with most of Latin America a tarnished economic image, it has never had the region's reputation for human rights abuses.

Mexico denies the existence of political prisoners and torture. By acting as a safe haven for persecuted South American leftists and through much-repeated leftist rhetoric, recent administrations have lent credibility to the denials.

"The disappearance numbers are nothing like they are in countries like Argentina. Her they are much less. But what enrages us is that human rights are violated by a system that is supposedly law abiding and democratic," said Rosario Ibarra de Piedra, leader of the "mourning mothers," a group calling for information about missing relatives.

In Argentina, thousands of people are still missing after the military government's

crackdown on leftists and guerrillas in the late 1970s. Mrs. Ibarra's eldest son, Jesus, disappeared in Mexico seven years back after police arrested him for involvement in leftist politics. This prompted her to begin a campaign for information which culminated in her running for president this year to publicize the cause.

She said that most of those missing like her son, had been active in leftist organizations. But she added that even if they had all done wrong, they still had a right to a trial and should not have been abducted. Although Mrs. Ibarra maintains that prisoners are tortured, she believes that most of the missing are still alive in secret jails and military installations. "We have witnesses who have been in jail and have seen them, there is still hope and we refuse to let go," she said.

For over a month, the mourning mothers demonstrated outside the cathedral until

just over a week ago when they say they were evicted to make way for preparations for a parade. "If we are kicked out this time we will move to another place and continue the strike," Mrs. Ibarra said adding that the main purpose of the strike was to make sure the government of President Jose Lopez Portillo remembered their plight.

The mourning mothers met the president last August and he promised to provide answers to their questions on the fate of their missing relatives before his term in office ends. So far the promise remains unfulfilled. It remains to be seen what De la Madrid will do when he takes over from President Lopez Portillo.

"Miguel de la Madrid must also realize there are many problems in this country, including repression. By now I am sure he knows about the strike here and we will also seek an answer from him when the time comes," Mrs. Ibarra said.

Red China's dash for growth is 'doomed'

By Jonathan Minsky

LONDON (LOS) — China's disastrous dashes for economic growth during 33 years of Communist rule have so ravaged the environment that the latest plans to quadruple production within 20 years seem doomed. This is the verdict of a study by a Canadian specialist of the Chinese rural economy.

The fear is shared by a number of Chinese economists who see present targets as a replay of earlier grandiose schemes such as the Great Leap Forward of the late 1950s, which lacerated the economy and led to three years of famine.

Anxieties stem from the proclamation by General Secretary Hu Yaobang at the recent party congress that by achieving a spectacular average annual growth of 7.2 percent, China's output will increase fourfold by the year 2000.

"A small number of comrades questioned whether this growth rate can be achieved," the *People's Daily* conceded this week, and went on to deny that either the 1958 Great Leap, or the New Great Leap of 1978 could be compared with the latest production drive.

If the present study by Vaclav Smil of Canada's Manitoba University is sound, however, "the small number" of questioners have plenty to worry about.

Smil based his study on the work of Chinese authorities and his conclusions, like

theirs, are bleak. He brushes aside China's huge population, its poverty and its political instabilities as the ultimate reasons for gloom.

"The staggering mistreatment of its environment (is) the most fundamental and most intractable hindrance to China's economic growth," Smil asserts.

In the October issue of Washington-based *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, Smil lists China's major economic disasters since the 1949 Communist victory as the decline in fuel for peasant cooking, the drop in the per capita food supply and the "degradation of land."

All three, although Smil does not say so, can be traced back to the economic preoccupations of Chairman Mao after he assumed full charge of the economy in the post-1956 years.

Chinese peasants have been traditionally short of cooking fuel but owing to the depredation of the last three decades, 500 million of the 800 million rural population are admitted by the government to be seriously deprived for up to half of each year.

The peasants' plight has been worsened by their unchecked destruction of trees for fuel. Until recently, tree planting was regarded as a capitalist activity. A crash reforestation program has started but Chinese forests may never recover.

The resulting erosion, expansion of desert and further inroads into the fuel supply, one Chinese researcher claims, "bequeath infinite calamities and misfortune to posterity."

According to Smil, China has lost 12 million hectares of prime arable soil since 1957, a period in which the population has grown by 300 million. Although agricultural production rose by 70 percent in the same period, the growing population devoured the entire increase, necessitating large imports of grain.

Even so, Chinese ate less in 1978 than 20 years earlier, and in that year 100 million of them were, in their government's judgment, "short of grain."

Mao's obsession with grain as "the key link" resulted in the filling of lakes and further deforestation as peasants strove to enlarge their fields. In Hubei, "land of 1,000 lakes" the province lost half its surface water, and in the country as a whole the vital fish catch slumped.

Pollution, Smil says, is the final outrage. Of China's 78 major rivers, 54 are badly contaminated, some dosed with mercury at higher levels than the lethal quantities recorded years ago at Minimata, Japan. DDT is still widely used.

Smil's optimistic note is that at last the Chinese themselves are furnishing the data of ecological disaster. Not long ago such realists were heavily punished.



PEKING FARM: Methods of cultivating the land have changed little over the centuries in Communist China. Men and animals still work together to cultivate the soil with low wages and little capital to invest.

Salvadoran leftists seize 3 more towns

SAN SALVADOR, Nov. 30 (AP) — Leftist rebels dynamited a passenger train and seized three more small towns in another round of fighting over the weekend in eastern El Salvador. Authorities reported six persons were killed and 18 wounded.

A national guard source in Usulután province, where the attack took place, said guerrillas ambushed the train late Saturday near Tierra Blanca, a town 88 kilometers south-east of the capital. News of the attack did not reach San Salvador until Monday because of poor communications.

The rebels set off dynamite charges under the passing train and fought a three-hour battle with army patrols, killing three national guardsmen and six passengers, said the source, who asked anonymity for security reasons. Fourteen guerrillas and four brackmen were wounded in the fighting.

Rebel attacks on railroads, trucks, communications and electrical installations, coffee and cotton crops and crop-dusting planes have been increasing as part of an effort to wreck the economy and bring down the U.S.-backed rightist government.

Guerrillas have bombed power lines, blacking out entire sections of the country for days on end more than a dozen times this year.

Falklanders may get U.K. citizenship

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP) — The British government pledged its support Monday for a move to give full British citizenship to all Falkland Islanders.

Junior Home Office Minister Lord Elton said in the House of Lords that the government would not oppose a private member's bill to extend British citizenship to the 1,800 residents of the South Atlantic islands.

"A lot has happened that has served not only to emphasize the close bond that unites the people of the British Isles with those of the Falkland Islands but also demonstrates the loyalty and commitment of the government and our people in preserving them," he said.

But he warned that the special case of the Falklands must not lead to similar concessions for other dependent territories. Sponsored by Baroness Vickers, the Falklands bill was to amend the government's British Nationality Act due to take effect Jan. 1.

Under the original act, designed to reduce immigration into Britain, about 400 of the islanders would have lost their British citizenship because their grandparents, although British, were not born in Britain.

The amend bill would give the British people of the Falklands the right to enter and work in Britain without restriction.

A similar proposal opposed by the government in 1981, failed in the House of Lords by one vote. The costly battle with Argentina last spring for sovereignty in the islands makes it likely that the concession to the Falklanders will be granted this time.

Citizens of Gibraltar, Britain's colony on the southern tip of Spain, will be granted the same rights under the act. But the 2.6 million residents of Hong Kong will continue to be denied residence rights in Britain.

U.N. report indicts Chile

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 30 (APF) — The human rights situation in Chile has not improved at all this year according to a U.N. report published here Monday. The document, put together from many different sources, presented an overall picture of rights violations and cited specific cases of illegal arrest, torture, murder, disappearance, persecution and intimidation.

It added that most attempts to bring accused officials to trial were dismissed. The 130-page compilation was submitted to the U.N. Social Committee as it began work on the Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc) report on human rights, refugees, and drugs.

It recommended that the U.N. General Assembly renew its appeal to the Chilean government to cooperate with the United Nations in protecting human rights, putting an end to the state of emergency, and restoring democratic legality. Failing this, the international community should use all appropriate means to press for these goals.

The Chilean regime has refused since 1980 to comply with Ecosoc's annual report on human rights.

Court allows playing of Nixon's Oval tapes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court Monday cleared the way for the eventual public playing of tape recordings covering two years of President Nixon's conversations in the Oval Office.

The court, without comment, let stand a decision that Nixon's non-Watergate tapes must be made public, possibly at regional listening centers throughout the country. Officials say the tapes, perhaps several thousand hours' worth, will not be ready for public listening until 1984 at the earliest.

About 12 hours of tapes relating to the Watergate scandal that drove Nixon from office in 1974 already are available for public listening in Washington. The latest controversy covers 4,000 hours of tape recordings unrelated to Watergate.

The federal appeals court in Washington last March allowed the playing of the tapes for the public, except those dealing with private matters and those exempted by "executive privilege."

Jill Merrill, a spokeswoman for the National Archives, says "a majority of the 4,000 hours of conversations" eventually will be released to the public. Nixon appealed the case to the Supreme Court, objecting to the government's plan to make the tapes public.

Charles, Di said having 'problems'

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP) — Friends of Britain's Prince Charles say his 16-month marriage to Princess Diana has run into problems, gossip columnist Nigel Dempster reported in *The Daily Mail* Tuesday.

Dempster said the friends, who he did not name, were commenting on the time the 34-year-old Charles spends away from his 21-year-old wife. On Monday, Charles, a keen horseman, huntsman and polo player, went fox hunting and Dempster noted it was the fourth straight Monday he had ridden with the Quorn Hunting Club.

"The Princess of Wales says she has no interest in her husband's sporting pursuits," Dempster wrote. "In particular she dislikes horses, finds the polo world deadly dull and hunting a bore. She also has no time for shooting and fishing, his two other main recreations."

"Her attitude has created a tension at Kensington Palace (the couple's London home) and Highgrove (their Gloucestershire mansion) and a fellow member of the Quorn says: 'It seems the prince is



LOOKING DIFFERENTLY: The 16-month marriage of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, according to some friends of the prince, has run into problems. The princess seems to have "no interest in her husband's sporting pursuits."

desperately keen to get away. He is spending more and more time down here without the princess. It is obviously a release."

"Friends of Prince Charles are commenting on the time he is spending away from

Diana out of choice ... and are saying there are problems with the couple's 16-month-old marriage," Dempster wrote.

The columnist said the 13-year age gap between the couple had not been bridged.

Poll favors mercy death

OSLO, Nov. 30 (APF) — A third of all Norwegians agree with a doctor taking action to end a patient's life if the person is suffering agonizing pain and he clearly wants death, a poll taken by Oslo Medical Faculty showed.

Seventy-five percent of those polled, aged from 15 to 99, agreed with a doctor passively favoring death by stopping life-prolonging treatment if the patient had no hope of recovery or expressed a wish to die.

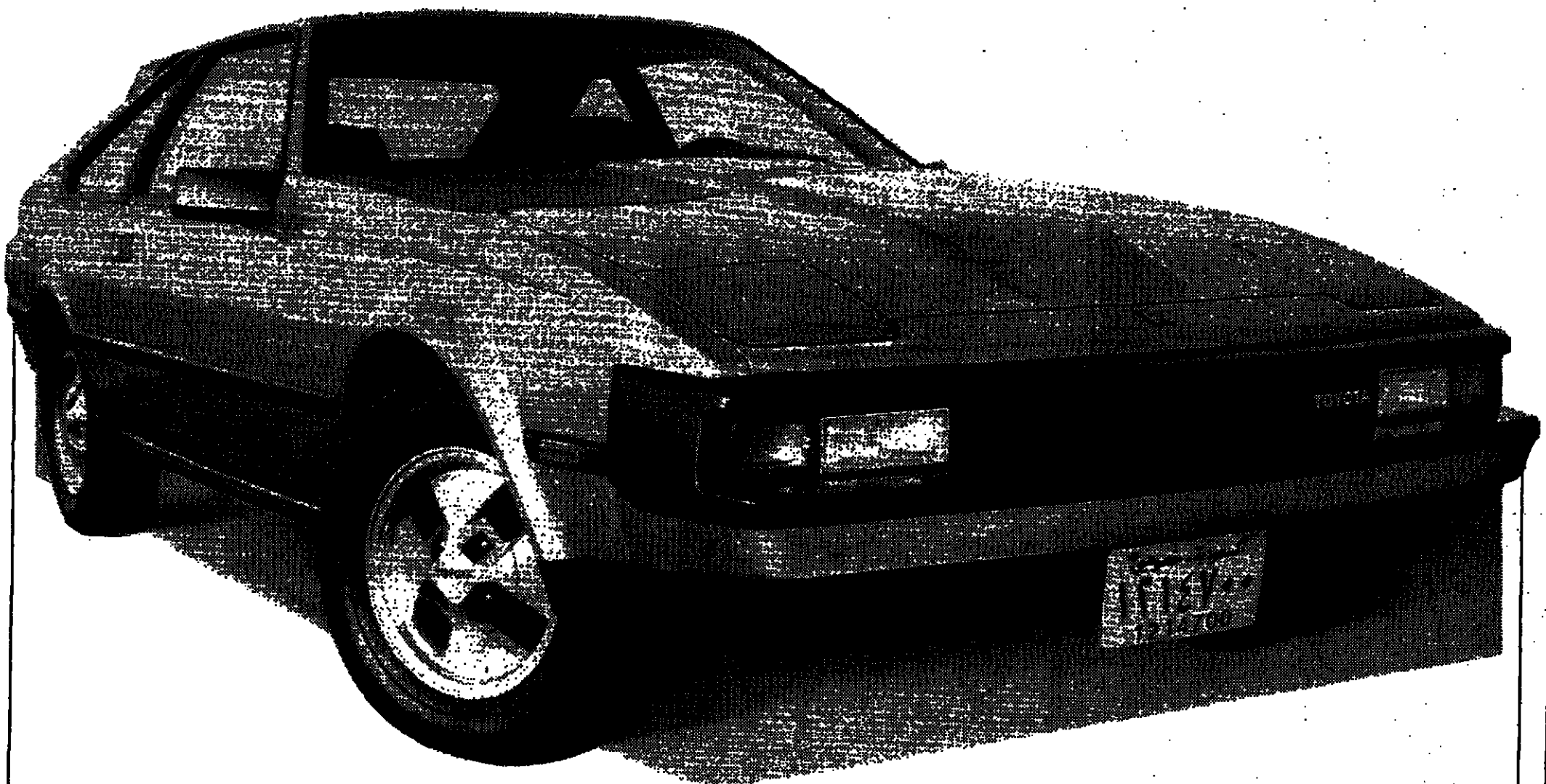
Sixty-four percent believed that, on consultation with next of kin, a doctor should stop treatment if a patient was suffering pain and had not been conscious for several months.

S. Africa prisoners end hunger strike

PRETORIA, Nov. 30 (APF) — A hunger strike by several of the 191 inmates of South Africa's best-known political prison, Robben Island, off Cape Town, has ended, a prisons department spokesman said. The prisoners began their protest last Tuesday and began eating again on Saturday, he said.

Officials have refused to say how many prisoners were involved, who they were or why they staged the protest, which by the end of last week had reportedly spread to several sections of the maximum-security prison.

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WEU discusses disarmament

Soviet funding of Europe's pacifists alleged

PARIS, Nov. 30 (AP) — Amid charges of Soviet support for European pacifism, the Western European Union (WEU) opened a four-day assembly Monday with an unprecedented debate on how disarmament movements affect security in its seven member nations.

The first discussion on pacifism and neutralism in the 28-year-old history of the WEU is based on a report presented by Pierre Lagorce, a Socialist deputy in the French National Assembly.

"The existence of a Soviet financing of certain pacifist movements was noted by certain members of the WEU political commission," Lagorce said in the draft report which will be voted Wednesday by the 89-delegate assembly.

Lagorce also pointed out that, according to NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns, "the Soviet Union spent \$75 million in 1981 in support of pacifist campaigns in Western Europe."

The Western European Union was formed in 1954 to study defense matters in its member countries of Britain, France, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and Luxembourg. Shortly after its creation, the WEU provided the political framework for the rearmament of West Germany.

On current security matters, one of the WEU's subsidiary bodies, the Agency for the Control of Armaments, works with NATO to ensure that European armament stocks do

not exceed prescribed levels and prohibited weapons are not produced.

The WEU's report on "problems for European security arising from pacifism and neutralism" has been hailed by its supporters as "what will probably be one of the fullest published studies on this question."

The report, first proposed a year ago, notes that pacifism and neutralism movements "are often very worthy, although the attainment of some of their aims might mean Europe lowering its guard at a dangerous international juncture." The study "advocates a true disarmament policy helping to 'disarm' these movements."

Such pacifist movements are expected to

spread in 1983, the report predicts, parallel with the initial deployment of medium-range U.S. missiles on European territory.

The report is being debated only days after 5,000 Italian pacifists in Milan started a 22-day march to the Sicilian town of Comiso to protest NATO's decision to install nuclear missiles there in response to the Soviet military buildup. More than 200 intellectuals and parliamentarians from throughout Europe are participating in the march expected to reach Comiso by the end of December. Other keynote speakers include Mario Fiore, undersecretary in the Italian foreign affairs ministry, and Jurgen Mollemann, West Germany's minister of state for foreign affairs.

Nine killed as police, rebels clash in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nov. 30 (AP) — Police and anti-government rebels, who apparently crossed over from neighboring Honduras, clashed near the border over the weekend and three policemen and six rebels were killed in fighting, Interior Minister Tomas Borge said.

Two more persons were reported wounded, but they were not immediately identified by authorities. Borge, who later attended the funeral ceremony for the three policemen, said most of the fighting took place Saturday and Sunday in the area around Murra, a town near the Honduran border, where clashes with rebels have been frequent.

The six killed were part of a group of 35 rebels, exiles living in Honduras, that had crossed into Nicaragua last week when another five were killed fighting police, Borge said.

Relations between Nicaragua and Honduras have been increasingly tense since the overthrow of pro-U.S. rightist dictator Anastasio Somoza by Sandinista leftist rebels in 1979, and an estimated 17,000 Nicaraguans loyal to Somoza fled to Honduras.

The leftist three-man Nicaraguan junta claim the Nicaraguan rebels, most of them former military officers and troops living in refugee camps, of mounting cross-border raids as part of an undercover campaign by the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to discredit and destabilize the junta.

At least 60 border clashes have been reported between military patrols of the two

countries during the past two years, and more than 20 persons have been killed or wounded, because of anti-government activities by the Nicaraguan refugees.

Claiming the junta has been secretly allowing Cuban and Soviet weapons to be smuggled to leftist guerrillas in neighboring El Salvador, the Reagan administration has been increasing military aid to the Salvadoran and Honduran governments.

The administration supplied \$320 million

in aid to El Salvador this year, including \$81 million in military assistance and 50 American noncombat military advisers to that country, and U.S. forces have been carrying out joint exercises to teach Honduran troops to deploy rapidly along the Nicaraguan border.

Nicaraguan officials have been excluded from meetings Reagan and the four other Central American presidents this weekend to discuss a Soviet-equipped military buildup by Nicaragua, increasing warfare between leftist

and rightist forces and the area's acute economic problems.

Reagan on his way back from South America will meet separately Friday in San Jose with Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge and provisional President Alvaro Magana of El Salvador. On Saturday, he will meet in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, with Honduran President Roberto Suazo Cordova and President Efraim Rios Montt of Guatemala.

Uruguay opposition wins by landslide

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 30 (AP) — Foes of military rule in Uruguay's two major political parties won by a landslide in weekend party elections, setting the stage for confrontation with the armed forces during the planned transition to civilian government by 1985.

Thousands of opponents of the military regime took to the streets of Montevideo before dawn Monday to shout "liberty liberty" and "the military dictatorship is going to fall."

The election Sunday was for delegates to national and state conventions of the three political parties recognized by the nine-year-old military regime. The conventions are to designate 15-man boards of directors for each party before March, name representatives to negotiate a new constitution with the military and select presidential and congressional candidates for election to be held

in November 1984. In both the Colorado and National parties, the two centrist groups that swapped control of the government for a century before the 1973 military coup, candidates strongly opposed to military rule won 70 percent of the convention seats.

Supporters of the Civic Union, a conservative Christian democratic group, also elected convention delegates. But its vote was only about 2 percent of the total, and the military was not an issue.

More than 45 percent of those voting cast their ballots for National candidates, while Colorados got 40 percent. The military barred the Social Democrats and other leftist parties from the election, and they asked their supporters to cast blank ballots as a protest. Election officials said the blank vote was 8 percent.

The Colorado convention will be domi-

nated by former Education Minister Julio Sanguinetti and newspaper publisher Enrique Tarigo, both harsh critics of military rule. They led the campaign that resulted in overwhelming rejection by a national referendum two years ago of a constitution drafted by the military that would have given it a permanent role in the government.

The Colorado minority is headed by former President Jorge Pacheco Areco, who is closely identified with the armed forces.

Supporters of National Party leader Wilson Ferreira Aldunate, an exile in London since the coup, won more than two-thirds of the seats in their party's conventions. Ferreira Aldunate, who with 30 other leaders of the two major parties is barred from political activity, was accused by the military of cooperating with the leftist Tupamaro guerrillas who tried to bring down the government in the early 1970s.

Leaders of the victorious Colorado and National factions have insisted they will resist any attempt by the military to assign itself a permanent government role in the new constitution.

Election officials said 1,259,000 of the 2,080,000 registered voters, or 60 percent, cast ballots Sunday.

Peking shows interest in Anglo-French N-units

PEKING, Nov. 30 (AFP) — China appears increasingly interested in a joint Anglo-French program for building large nuclear power stations, informed sources said. A Chinese industrial delegation, led by Li Feng, vice minister of water resources and electric power, recently visited Britain and France to see the scope for acquiring one or more nuclear plants.

The New China News agency quoted Li Monday as saying there was "A broad prospect for cooperation with Britain in building nuclear power stations in China."

The agency gave no details of the delegation's visit to France, but an informed source said the outcome was regarded as satisfactory by both sides. Of immediate interest is a proposal for setting up two 900 megawatt pressurized water reactors (PWR) at a site in the southern province of Guangdong, adjacent to Hong Kong.

This plant, costing up to \$5,000 million, would supply some of Hong Kong's electricity. A joint Chinese-Hong Kong company has already been formed to finance the construction. Chinese authorities have even approved the importing of equipment, but discussions over a period of years with various foreign suppliers seem to have covered mainly finance, according to experts here.

Few countries are able to build PWR plant and the Chinese have indicated that they are interested in American technology. However, talks between Peking and Washington on a nuclear cooperation deal were suspended last September when China was unwilling to provide pledges regarding the peaceful use of fuel and nuclear technology

supplied to them. France, which until last year built reactors under American license, has improved the technology over the years, the experts also noted.

The French have moreover been far less stringent than the United States in the matter of controls and guaranteed peaceful use. This could be a factor in the placing of the Guangdong contract, say the experts. But since Hong Kong is directly concerned in this program, Britain should logically win a substantial part of the business, possibly the conventional equipment side.

A decision by China is unlikely to emerge at least until mid-1983.

Japan premier wants constitution revision

TOKYO, Nov. 30 (AP) — Newly installed Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone issued what he termed a "political resume" in which he called for a revision of Japan's war-renouncing constitution and a defense capability not dependent on the military might of the West.

In an unusual move, Nakasone made available the document, titled "My Life in Politics" to foreign governments and foreign correspondents here.

"A people that have become used to the protection of another country soon lose the will to defend themselves," Nakasone wrote in the document. "I believe that the independence is impossible as long as the nation chooses to depend in large measure on the military power of another country for its own territorial security."

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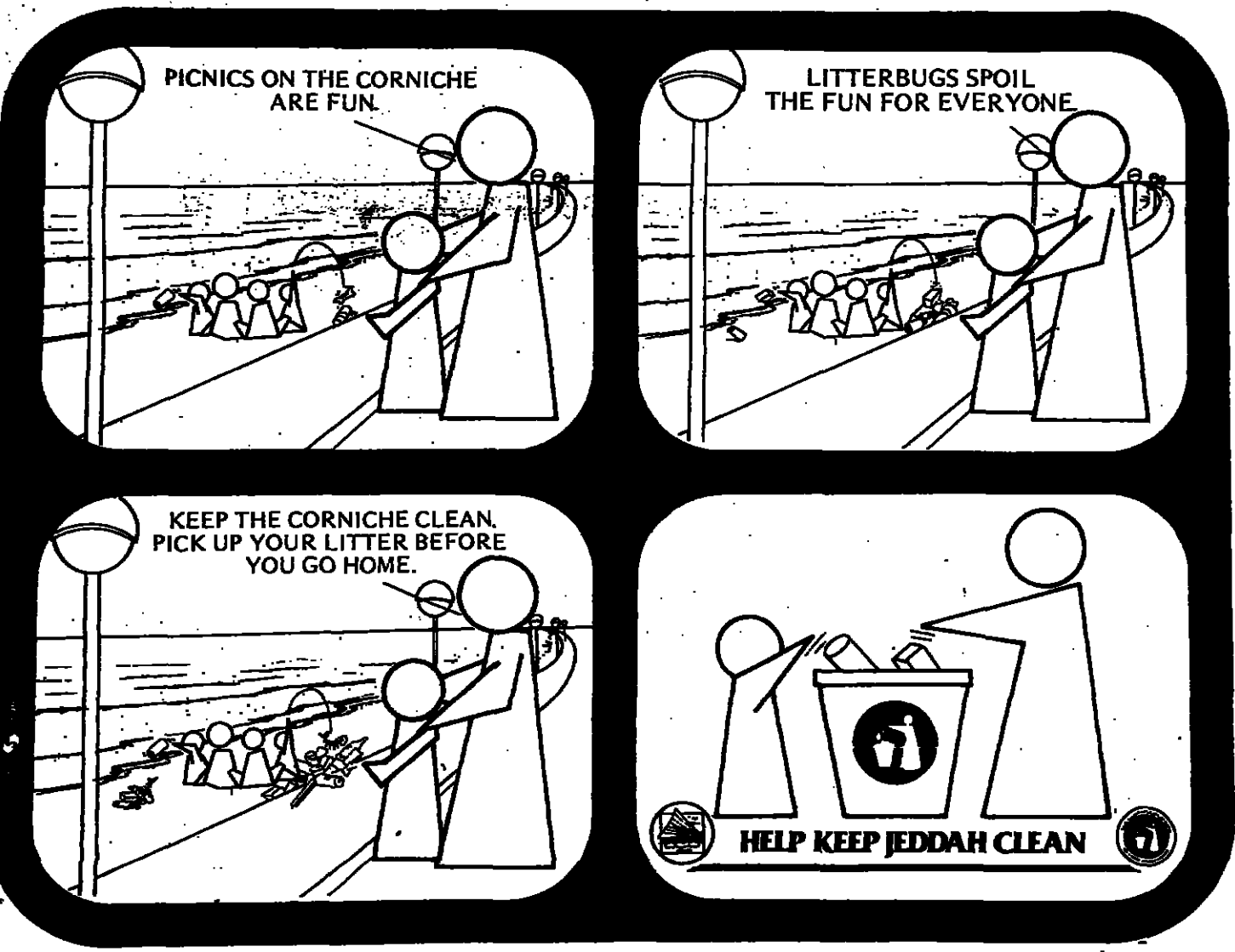
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Fiery Jeff Thomson bowls Aussies into commanding position

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov. 30 (AP) — Jeff Thomson revived memories of the havoc he caused England's batsmen here eight years ago when he wrecked the tourists' second innings at the Brisbane Cricket Ground Tuesday.

In a potentially match-winning burst for Australia, the veteran speedster took five for 12 from eight blistering overs to send England in at stumps on 279 for seven.

This gave the tourists an overall lead of 157 with three wickets remaining and kept them facing a real threat of defeat. But a defiant unfinished eight-wicket stand of 53 between Geoff Miller and Eddie Hemmings kept England in with a chance of saving the match.

Miller, dropped off Thomson by Kepler Wesels when 20, remained unbeaten on 50, while his spin bowling partner Eddie Hemmings had reached 18. Thomson, 32, and fighting the weakening effects of an illness he suffered during Australia's recent tour of Pakistan, bowled with genuine speed on an easy-paced Brisbane pitch.

His skipper Greg Chappell said Thomson had lost more than a stone in Pakistan and was on a special diet to build up his strength. Thomson had failed to break through in England's first innings as he strove to get his rhythm working smoothly.

He had to wait until his 15th over before taking his first wicket of the match — David

Gower, who gloved a listless hook to keeper Rod Marsh, who earlier had dropped England's opener Graeme Fowler.

Marsh's miss, also off Thomson, was one of seven catches put down by the Australians, who looked at one stage to be letting England off the hook. But Thomson refused to be cowed and by tea had also snared Allan Lamb (12), Derek Randall (4) Ian Botham (15) and Fowler (83).

Thomson's fiery spell was vital for Australia, restricted by the loss of Cal Rackemann, who left the field with a strained groin after bowling only 3.2 overs early in the day. Australian team manager John Edwards said Rackemann would not bowl Wednesday. Chappell would have a depleted attack to call on.

Fowler, dropped at 21 by Kim Hughes and at 36 by Rod Marsh, batted for 356 minutes as he struggled to hold England together. Gower's free-flowing style was restricted Tuesday and he batted for 135 minutes but managed to hit five boundaries in a mixture of grim defense and quick-footed aggression.

Lamb, who scored heavily in England's first innings, fell to a sharp reflex catch by Kepler Wesels fielding at close short-leg, while Derek Randall was a victim of an almost unbelievable one-handed catch by Bruce Yardley at backward point.



Jeff Thomson...back in form

Score-board	
England (1st innings):	219
Australia (1st innings):	341
England (2nd innings):	
T. Evans c Marsh b Lawson	13
C. Gower c Marsh b Thomson	83
D. Gower c Marsh b Thomson	34
A. Lamb c Wesels b Thomson	12
D. Randall c Yardley b Thomson	4
I. Botham c Marsh b Thomson	15
G. Miller batting	3
R. Taylor c Hoskins b Lawson	3
E. Hemmings batting	18
Extras:	47
Total: (for 7 wks.)	279

Fall of wickets: 1-54, 2-144, 3-165, 4-169, 5-194, 6-201, 7-226.

Bowling: Lawson 29-9-66-2; Rackemann 12-2-3-35-4; Thomson 31-6-6-73-5; Yardley 34-4-17-46-0; Chappell 6-2-0-0; Hoskins 2-0-4-0.

A week full of thrills and spills in Jeddah Softball

By Naiche Nedni-Apache
JEDDAH, Nov. 30 — Lots and lots of first class action in this week's Jeddah softball League, were you watching? From the top — in the "A" Division, the big boys continued to pound each other relentlessly. The Alsalam Meridian Vets continued on top with a 17-2 win over the ever favorite Pratt & Whitney Eagles. Primary contributor was Pete "Gentle Ben" Bauers with two home runs. The Meridian Vets have now recorded 16 home runs in nine games lead by Jack Graham and Pete Bauers followed by Jim Heart and Joe Schiebler in round trip production.

Lockheed I managed a contested loss and a revengeful win. They lost to BD All Stars 6-5 (protested) then returned to nearly annihilate them 12-5. Word has it the Lockheed team used their secret weapon, a "Groom" broom. The Friedrich Killer Bees scored an 18-5 win over the Pratt & Whitney Eagles door mats.

The "B" Division saw really hot things happening when someone allegedly passed smelling salts under the noses of the ICAO team of the Coral League. The team, in union, gained consciousness and went on to win four games to bring their record to 4 and 4. They beat Whittaker 6-2, blasted MOPCI 18-3, grounded Pan Am 21-4 and returned to inflict further horror on Whittaker 7-0. Raytheon R&R remain undefeated, in perhaps the wrong league, by defeating Pan Am 16-6. Seems the Pan Am team needs to bring Andy McGrath out of retirement.

Lockheed II of the Oasis League stumbled badly and lost two this week. DATAC sprinkled fairy dust on their bats and out hit Lockheed to score an 11-9 victory. Following that loss, champions of days gone by, Parsons Daniel, left Lockheed talking to themselves after "going down", 6-5. Raytheon ADI moved back into first place with a win over a surprisingly tough Bendix team, 7-6. One or two minor breaks would have seen Bendix

emerge winner instead of being relegated to the cellar to keep the vegetables company.

PCS, to the amazement of many, won another game this week when they jumped up and took issue with DATAC, 10-8. However, they turned around and were told "where at" by Mobil, 11-6. KAIA moved above the 500 mark when they bent, spindled, and mutilated Bendix 35-4. The game was called at the end of the fifth inning invoking the 15-run rule which states that if one team is ahead by 15 runs or more at the end of the fifth inning, the game is over.

In one of the more exciting games played

the outstanding players of the season, is proving to be their pitcher, R. Frisbie. The ability this one player has to control the continuity and tempo of the game through consistency and accuracy, pitch after pitch, is a "Truly Fine" sight to behold. Not to be outdone was the game bustin', people pleasin', baseline burning, hot footin' base stealing of D. "Speed" Vincent, who also handled many of the catches in the Touch of Class outfield. It was after just such a catch that Vincent fired a long, hard strike to the plate that caught a Truly Fine runner half way between home plate and third base for what appeared to be a

Standings

"A" DIVISION					Oasis League				
	W	L	RF	RA		W	L	RF	RA
Meridian Vets	8	1	112	39	Raytheon ADI	9	2	124	84
Killer Bees	6	4	100	53	Lockheed II	6	3	108	66
Lockheed I	7	5	89	85	Parsons Daniel	5	2	96	64
BD All Stars	6	5	95	75	KAIA	3	2	70	42
P. W. Eagles	1	13	55	200	DATA	3	6	72	97
					PCS	2	8	65	119
					Bendix	1	8	49	154

this season, the Safeway Truly Fine team of the Wadi Division came from behind to "nip" Hyatt Touch Class, 4-3. The game was filled with exceptional plays. Examples for the Truly Fine squad was the play of J. Williams at shortstop, C. Hiller's shoestrapping catch in left field, A. Hersey's grabs at third base and J. Tucker's second base performances following last week's two home runs in one game. Safeway started their charge on runner advancing line drives by S. Graham followed up by L. Hensley's two-run scoring smash to the opposite field.

A stalwart of the Safeway team, and one of

sure out. However, in the ensuing run-down, an infielder throwing miscue allowed the runner to score which eventually proved to be the one-run difference in the game. It was a tough loss for the Hyatt gang but certainly demonstrated that they are not to be "taken advantage of" in anyone's plans to dominate the Wadi Division.

Other action saw the Blue Angels, led by star pitcher P. Bourell, run over Mobil (W), 21-0 and put some kind of hurt on "game" but weak Whittaker, 24-0. Pitcher Bourell threw a two hitter against Whittaker which is "very" difficult to do in slow pitch softball.

Shahbaz wrecks Mira's aspirations

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Nov. 30 — It was all over for Mira Cricket Club in an over. And the bowler to do the trick was Abahsain's Shahbaz Bashir. He pulled the rung from under Mira's feet just when they were sailing high in one over as the bowlers, for a change, dictated terms in the Eastern Province Cricket Association League last week.

The turnaround of events in the match played at Alkhobar was sudden. As was Shahbaz's attempt at chancing his arm. In a desperate bid, Shahbaz, who was behind the sticks in the early Mira's innings, was called upon to check Mira, who needed 44 runs with six wickets and seven overs in hand.

Shahbaz went one better. He brought about a landslide in one over, and that was in his fifth. He systematically demolished the last of Mira's defenses to shatter their victory dreams. He sent back five batsmen in that over to return a fine haul of six for 19, which included a hat-trick in that five-wicket haul.

Abahsain's prospects of a big score, when they batted first, was cut short when Azhar (3 for 37) and Babar (3 for 35) struck deadly. Only Cedric Nathell's unbeaten 81 and Mushtaq's 47 enabled Abahsain tally 182 for eight in their 30 overs. And with Arif Gul (68) and Babar (28) going great guns for Mira an upset seemed on the cards. But Shahbaz came in timely to turn the tide. Mira finished with 145 in 24 overs.

Saqib Ansari turned in an all-round display to lead Aramco Abqaiq to a facile 85-run decision over Juyaimah Ras Tamura. The left-arm spinner, struck five vital blows as Juyaimah crumbled to 167 in reply to Aramco Abqaiq's 252 at Abqaiq.

The Blue Angels were assisted in their efforts on two home runs by power hitter H. Fair. The other game this week saw the Safeway Truly Fine chorus put the "squeeze" on Corp of Engineers (W) 15-2.

The "Were You Watching" quiz, what hot dogging outfielder was recently burned when he was attempting to showboat with fancy one hand catches? He was dancing about and half-heartedly swiped at the ball, missed, it went by him and the batter ended up with a triple. Needless to say, the oppositions fans hooted, hollered, whistled, stamped their feet and threw popcorn because their loved ones who were two runs behind were now threatening.

In the sixth, two innings later, having had the opponents fans nearly embarrass him out of the ballpark, our "star" was determined to catch the next fly ball in such a razzle dazzle manner they would shut up forever. Sure enough, a lazy looping shot came at him, he was under it with perfect alignment with but one or two steps. He was actually doing a "semi-watusi" dance step just to demonstrate his total cool and control of the situation. At the very last instant he makes an exaggerated swipe at the ball and misses! As if that isn't enough it hits him on the forehead, nearly knocking him out. While he is desperately trying to chase away all the birds that suddenly showed up out of nowhere, a run scores tying up the game. By the time he finds the offending ball, the batter is on third base poised to score the winning run, which he eventually does, they win, you lose. Again, no names, but check closely the forehead of any outfielders you may know for tell tale signs of what appears to be an old operation or a new softball stitching imprint. It really happened.

In an important test of "A" Division strength, the Alsalam Meridian Vets with a 8 wins and 1 loss take on the upstart Friedrich Killer Bugs, 6 and 4, at the Hochief Field, for this game only, tonight at 8:30 p.m.

With five wickets in an over

But Aramco-Abqaiq will have to thank their opening bowler Tahir Anjum for crossing the 200-mark. After Rashid (52) and Saqib's (51) had put Aramco on a sound track, a middle-order collapse saw them reeling at 168 for eight till Tahir got into the act. He cracked an unbeaten 34 and boosted the total, along with Kausar (30), to a modicum of respectability.

Aramco Abqaiq now run into Arabian Eagles at Alkhobar in the return match next week. The Eagles, meanwhile, kept their slate clean with yet another emphatic victory. And their opponents this time were BAC Cricket Club. Hassan Ali topped the lists of three century makers in the league with a brisk 117 to help the Eagles score 244. While Ali was holding court in the middle, Saleem Raza also blossomed. He hit up a splendid 74.

BAC did not pick up the gauntlet as they

Alireza cricket league

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 30 — The Sheikh Zainal Alireza-sponsored Alireza Cricket League will get underway from Dec. 17. The league, played under MCC regulations, will be played on Fridays.

The match is restricted to 40 overs per side, with each over comprising six balls. A victory entitles a team to four points and a draw to two. The only change in this year's league will be that matches would be played on concrete pitches, made to the specifications of the Sports Council.

The inauguration ceremonies of the Zainal Park and Olympic Park is slated for Dec. 2. But two friendly ties have been fixed on these venues for Dec. 2. Pak Saudi plays Shalimar at Zainal Park, while Bank Al Jazirah takes on Zahid Tractors at Olympic Park. For further information contact Shabid Amin 6691199.

ploded to 158 in 28 overs with Fahmi (45), Rashid (32) and Nadeem (26) offering a semblance of resistance against Azhar Hassan, who finished with a haul of four for 33.

There was a run-gut at Dammam. Arabian Gulf Cricket Club ran up a mammoth total of 379 for seven, the highest in the league, against a hapless Zahid Cricket Team. Abdulaziz led the way with a blistering 113 not out. Jalal Akbar (83) and Sajjad Shah (53) pitched in with useful contributions to set up a near-insurmountable target for Zahid Cricket Team.

Zahid Cricket Team, however, were not fazed by the awesome task. They made a game attempt in making a match of it. But did not have an adequate batting machine to equal Arabian Gulf. Abdulaziz was once again a thrown in Zahid Cricket Team's flesh. He bagged five wickets for 55, and Ziauddin Qazi took three for 23 as Zahid Cricket Team mustered 200, Jaffar (67) and Izhar (37).

BRIEF SCORES:

AGE 379 for 7 (Abdulaziz 113 n.o., Jalal Akbar 83, Sajjad Shah 53, Jaffar 4-92) beat Zahid Cricket Team 200 (Jaffar 67, Izhar 37, Abdulaziz 5-55, Ziauddin Qazi 3-23). ARAMCO Abqaiq 252 (Rashid 52, Saqib Ansari 51, Amin 40, Tahir Anjum 34 n.o., Kausar 30, Farooq 3-51) beat Juyaimah-RT 167 (Arif Gul 68, Saqib Khan 29, Saqib 5-53, Rashid 3-26, Shahid 2-0).

CCC 249 for 5 (Anand Mir 68 n.o., Saqib Razaan 55 n.o., S. Ghaffar 47, Waseem 32, Intisar 2-40) beat UPM 'B' 191 (Javed 61, Saeed S. M. 48, Intisar 34, Khalid 4-30, Saqib 3-37, Anand 2-37).

Arabian Eagles 224 (Hassan Ali 117, Saleem Raza 74, Anand 3-29, Rashid 2-15) beat BAC 158 (Fahmi 45, Rashid 32, Nadeem 26, Azhar Hassan 4-33).

Petronas 227 (Khalid Nahi 48, Nadeem Siddiqui 41, Shaukat 38, Shafiq Taseem 36, Amin Ghas 3-45, T. Byrne 2-20) beat Bechtel 184 (D. Ritzey 46, Sami Ahmed 32, G. Birch 26, Nadeem Siddiqui 5-30).

Orion 195 (Agha Nadeem 105, Arshad 22, Hunayoon 24, Karim 3-9, Saifur Fielder 4-44, Munazzam 2-47) beat Sanlex 129 (Shahid Magrey 32, Christopher 21, Wajid Fawaz 29, Qazi Bakhar 3-35, Saleem Hassan Khan 3-20).

Abahsain 182 for 6 wickets, (Cedric Nathell 81 n.o., Musharraf 47, Azhar 3-37, Babar 3-35) beat Mira 145 (Arif Gul 68, Babar 28, Shahbaz 6-19).

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N. Koreans lose match & face

Referee runs for dear life as fans invade soccer field

By John Crasto
Special to Arab News

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 — Raging fury was unleashed at the Jawahar Nehru Stadium Tuesday. North Korean players, officials and fans beat up Thai referee G. Viji in a frenzy of violence. Gone was friendship. Fraternity forever. The symbol of the Asian Games was forgotten in a mad craze to destroy.

The incident which sparked trouble was the award of an unwarranted penalty against North Korea when they were one-goal up in the Asian Games Soccer semi-final against Kuwait. That award gave Kuwait the equalizer. They scored two goals later in extra-time. The Koreans made a great fightingback but they lost 2-3 in the hectic extra-time action.

All the bitterness and frustration, the protest lodged in the stands by the officials and the ultimate defeat saw the Koreans go berserk. They squared up to security personnel, hurled chairs on them and used placards sticks as weapons. Para-military police, swinging long batons, charged into the rioting mob to protect the referee, who fled the field with hands on his head to shield himself from the blows struck. He was bleeding profusely.

What a terrible scene it was — ugly, deplorable and certain to cause a lot of friction in the Games which have gone through so peacefully till today. And as all the violence was racing the Kuwaitis trooped off quietly to the dressing room. Their entry into the final went unheralded.

Korean right-back Kim Gwang Ok made a legitimate tackle when Kuwait's Moaid was advancing down the left. All were surprised when the Thai referee signalled for the spot-kick. Mahbob scored, that goal which

demoralized the Koreans no end.

As their players were making a great bid to save the day their officials had lodged a protest. All knew that little could come from this protest as it was a point of fact issue. When Kuwait hit the target through Moaid and then Anbary, everyone knew that there would be some commotion after the match. But certainly not the kind which surfaced at the end of the match.

Kuwaiti domination was pronounced in the first half. They had more ball possession, they had better thrust. They used the off-side trap to advantage. But they were prodigal to a fault. Even a spot-kick was wasted, Soayed shooting wide. Four gilt-edged chances going abegging.

North Korean counter-attacks were swift and forceful. They used the long ball to advantage. But they too were not accurate on target. Verifiably it was a day of prodigality until the last quarter of the match. Han

Hyoung II sped down the left flank in the 75th. His measured center was deftly headed home by Kim Jong Ban. Four minutes later came the fateful penalty award. Mahbob scored when the commotion over this award had subsided.

The Koreans played at high pace thereafter. Their blood was boiling and they put all into the game. Even when they were two-down in the first half of extra-time they never gave up. They scored through Kim Tied Choi on change of ends. As much as they tried they could not save the match. They really played so well. What a tragedy that Viji awarded that penalty.

Whatever decision is taken over the protest it will certainly go against the Koreans. That they took the law into their own hands was most objectionable. All the cheers that they had earned for their fine showing was lost in the fire of their fury. One only hopes that this ugly episode does not provoke more trouble.

Medals tally up to 11th day



	G	S	B
China	50	41	31
Japan	49	46	30
South Korea	16	19	28
India	11	11	15
North Korea	9	16	15
Mongolia	3	2	0
Philippines	3	2	0
Pakistan	2	1	0
Iran	1	3	7
Indonesia	1	2	1
Kuwait	1	2	1
Singapore	1	0	0
Malaysia	1	0	0
Syria	1	0	0
Thailand	0	2	3
Lebanon	0	1	0
Afghanistan	0	1	0
Iraq	0	0	3
Bahrain	0	0	1
Hong Kong	0	0	1
Vietnam	0	0	1

An exciting hockey tussle in the offing

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (Agencies) — India will be seeking to restore some of their bruised hockey honor when they meet traditional rivals Pakistan in the much-heralded final of the Asian hockey tournament here Wednesday.

The once-unbeatable hockey giants are in a dazzling form, but for the Indians the setting is also perfect — a newly-laid astroturf at the National Stadium on which they have had more practice and a huge home crowd. Pakistan skipper Samiullah, however, predicted after Monday's semifinal victory over Malaysia: "We are going to win even though we know the crowds will root for the home team."

The record book is heavily weighed in his favor. Pakistan have won the hockey title at five of the last six Asian Games. The only time India took the gold was at the 1966 Games in Bangkok. India took the gold at the Moscow Olympics which Pakistan boycotted. But the Indians failed to make even the semi-finals of the World Cup this year which Pakistan won.

Lincoln makes West Ham toil for victory

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AFP) — A goal from Sandy Clark four minutes from the end of extra-time at Upton Park earned West Ham United a fourth round League Cup trip to Notts County.

The 2-1 defeat also left Third Division Lincoln City to contemplate that all the determination and effort in the world can count for nothing if luck is against you.

The visitors had shown the all-action football which has put them top of the Third Division from the kick-off. They had West Ham in frequent trouble and, even though goalkeeper David Felgate was their main hero, still deserved a replay.

After Lincoln had harried and chased West Ham for most of the first half, Ray Stewart put the home side ahead on the stroke of half-time. Turner was penalized for pulling down Paul Allen and, although Felgate saved magnificently from Stewart's spot-kick, the fullback banged home the rebound.

In the 72nd minute, George Shipley turned a Bell center goalwards and it was deflected in by West Ham's Clark.

Superb saves by Felgate highlighted the extra time, but he stood no chance when a Frank Lampard shot struck a defender and fell at the feet of Clark for the decisive third goal.

The political rivalry between the subcontinental rivals often spills on to the hockey field and unleashes bitter emotions. Security is being tightened for the final and even press seats have been restricted at the National Stadium which will be packed with more than 30,000 people.

The Indian side will be held by stylish forward Zafar Iqbal. Neither side was really stretched in the early matches, but they are certain to bring out all their magical wrist-work into play in the final. The Pakistanis have an aggressive and fast forward line, led by star center-forward Hasan Sardar, who was rested Monday.

But the Indians have been equally impressive here with their dribbling and short passing and many here are confident of the outcome in the home team's favor. "It is going to be a great match and the better team will win," was the comment from Indian team manager Balbir Singh.

Pakistan won the first championships when the event was introduced in 1958 and followed it up in 1962 in Jakarta. India pre-

vented a hat-trick, but have faded out of the picture in the last three finals.

Pakistan's coach, Khalid Mehmood despite asserting that his present team is as good as any in the past refuses to predict the outcome of the finals. "We have a 50-50 chance and much will depend on the forwards of both teams. The team that takes its chances will decide the gold medal," Khalid remarked.

Although Pakistan's forward line is reputed to be the best in the world today, Khalid Mehmood refused to predict it would be a decisive factor in the match. Both teams' forwards "have not been tested so far," he said.

"The opponents India and Pakistan faced earlier cannot be considered on the same lines as the final Wednesday. They will find it very different," he added.

Meanwhile, Malaysia defeated Japan 3-0 to take bronze medal for the third time in a row. The Malaysians led 2-0 at half time.

With this victory the Malaysians have won the bronze medal for the fourth time, their first being in 1962 in Jakarta.



DRIVES HOME: Gennaro Giansanti (right) drives home his side's only goal as they were locked in a thrilling 1-1 draw with Sampdoria in the Italian First Division match Sunday.

Soccer results

Pollak Cup	1	2	3
Pogon Szczecin	0	Zagibie Sosnowiec	1
Stal Szczecin	2	Ruch Chorzow	0
Legia Gdansk	3	Slask Wroclaw	0
Gornik Walibora	0	Legia Warszawa	2
Widze	0	Lechia Poznan	1
Stobierki Bytom	0	Widze Krakow	1
Widze Zielona Gora	1	Anderlecht	1
Gentsele	5	Serling	1
Beveren	1	Tongres	1
Antwerp	2	Boersbot	1
F.C. Liege	1	Lokeren	1
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Two seeds fall by the wayside

MELBOURNE, Nov. 30 (AFP) — American Zina Garrison, No. 12 and Yugoslav's Mima Jausovec, No. 8, both fell Tuesday in the \$350,000 Women's Australian Open Tennis Championships at Kooyong.

Britain's Jo Durie surprised the athletic Garrison 6-4, 6-2, while American Sharon Walsh ousted Jausovec 6-4, 6-2. Seeded players, Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert-Lloyd, Pam Shriver and Wendy Turnbull won through in straight sets.

Vengarkar sparkles

SAHIWAL, Pakistan, Nov. 30 (AP) — The Pakistan Cricket Control Board XI were 32 for three in their second venture Tuesday after India had declared its first innings at 249 for two on the second day of the three-day tie. PCCB, earlier, had declared at their overnight total of 282 for five.

Dilip Vengarkar cracked his first century of the tour, and Sunil Gavaskar declared the innings after Vengarkar had reached the mark. Openers Arun Lal (76) and K. Srikant (48) were the two wickets to fall, with G. Viswanath remaining undefeated on 25.

Vasco Da Gama prevails

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 30 (R) — Vasco



Zhenxian Zhou ... on way record

Zhou leaps to new mark despite injuries

By Our Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 — World Cup silver medalist, Zhenxian Zhou, posted a new record of 16.80 meters for the triple jump Tuesday. That was the highlight of Asian Games athletics. But his achievement disappointed a host of fans.

His best was better. Zhou has cleared over 17 meters repeatedly. He has an Asian all-time record of 17.34 meters. But don't blame him. The hard synthetic Olympreene surface was to blame on a day when weather conditions were most helpful.

Zhou said after his triumph: "The run-up was hard. I got too much bounce from it. That made me miss the take-off board." He did not take off from there even once. In fact he spiked himself while landing in the pit at his

Asiad tid-bits

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (AFP) — More than 500 journalists covering the Games here have protested to the organizers following a decision to issue special passes to cover the hockey final between India and Pakistan. The organizers this afternoon announced that the identity cards issued to reporters for the Games will not be valid for entry into the Stadium for the final. Instead they will have to obtain a special pass which is limited.

North Korean journalists were involved in violent protests in the lobby of their hotel when South Korea set up a publicity stand for the next Asian Games to be held in Seoul in 1986. The North Koreans were incensed because the South Koreans were distributing to foreign journalists Seoul government propaganda material which contained passages denouncing North Korea's policies on unification.

Title holder Liem Swie King of Indonesia made short work of India's Uday Pawar to move into the men's singles quarterfinals of the badminton tournament.

Zapata pounds Tomori into submission

TOKYO, Nov. 30 (AFP) — Hilario Zapata of Panama retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) junior flyweight title here Tuesday when the referee stopped his fight with Japanese challenger Tadashi Tomori in the eighth round of a scheduled 15-rounder.

Referee Rafael Solis of Mexico stopped the fight one minute and 59 seconds into the round when the champion unleashed a flurry of blows after Tomori got back on his feet following a knock down.

The Japanese challenger was knocked down twice, once in the seventh and once in the eighth round of the bout, watched by about 3,000 spectators at the Kuramae Sumo Wrestling Arena.

It was the 24-year-old champion's second defence of the title he took from the Japanese in a controversial split decision last July in Kanazawa, Japan. He defended the title for the first time last September in Chonju, South Korea, outpointing South Korean Chang Chong Ku.

Meanwhile, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini announced in Ohio, Sunday night that he will resume his boxing career.

The future for Mancini, the World Boxing Association's lightweight champion, had been clouded after his opponent in his last title defense, South Korean Duk Koo Kim, died.

Mancini revealed his decision during a testimonial for him in Boardman, near his home of Youngstown. "This is the profession I chose. The decision was totally mine," he said. Mancini is expected to take on Kenny Bogner in the spring in his next title defense.

British boxing promoter Mike Barrett hopes to announce a world title fight for Britain's European champion Charlie Magri

within a week.

"Provided Magri is restored to the top 10 in the world ratings, and we expect that to happen Tuesday, he will challenge WBC champion, Eleccio Mercedes, at the Royal Albert Hall, probably on February 8, depending on Mercedes' wishes," Barrett said.

Magri, who has been beaten twice in a five-year career, reversed one of the defeats when he outpointed Mexican, Jose Torres last week. Since Torres put Magri out of the top 10 when he beat him in May, it is expected that Magri will be re-instated by the World Boxing Council as a result of last Tuesday's win. Barrett hopes to fill the alternative Albert Hall date with a European Heavyweight title fight for Welshman, David Pearce, Pearce fights Felipe Rodriguez of Spain at the Albert Hall next Tuesday, and if he wins, Barrett expects to match him with the other Rodriguez, Lucian, the Frenchman who holds the European championship.

Van Patten takes set off Borg

BARCELONA, Spain, Nov. 30 (Agencies) — John McEnroe, who led the United States to victory over France in the Davis Cup final at Grenoble over the weekend, gave the Americas their only win on the first day of the Europe versus Americas Tennis Tournament here Monday.

The American coasted to a 6-4, 6-2 victory over French Open champion Mats Wilander of Sweden. Former world No. 1 Bjorn Borg of Sweden dropped a set to Vince Van Patten of the United States, replacing Jimmy Connors, and had to work hard for a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 win.

Europe led Americas 3-1 after the first day in the clash between the two continents.

Spain's Jose Higueras put Europe 1-up with a 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 victory over American Gene Mayer, then Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl defeated Andres Gomez of Ecuador 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Czechoslovakia's Thomas Smid and Italy's Claudio Panatta advanced to the next round defeating American opponents in opening day action at the first Euro-

Asian Games at a glance

Athletics	South Korea. Points: 2235.
Triple Jump: 1. Zhenxian Zhou (China), 2. Yasushi Ueta (Japan), 3. Balasubramaniam (India). Distance: 16.80 meters (Asian record).	Standard pistol 25 m (individual): 1. Park Jong Jil (South Korea), 2. Sharad Chauhan (India), 3. Deng Zening (China). Points: 565.
4 X 400 m relay: 1. Japan, 2. Pakistan, 3. China. Time: 3:07.87.	Wrestling
Women	48 kgs: 1. Takashi Kobayashi (Japan), 2. Ohok Hwan (North Korea), 3. Gap Do Son (South Korea).
100 m hurdles: 1. Emi Akimoto (Japan), 2. Chizuko Akimoto (Japan), 3. Jianhua Dai (China). Time: 13.63.	57 kgs: 1. Tomiyama Hideaki (Japan), 2. Asgari Muhammad (Iran), 3. Ashok Kumar (India).
400 m: 1. Hiroshi Iozaki (Japan), 2. Junko Yoshida (Japan), 3. Padmini Thomas (India). Time: 54.43 (Asian record).	68 kgs: 1. Oyandei Verbold (Mongolia), 2. Kanjura Masakazu (Japan), 3. You In Tak (South Korea).
Javelin throw: 1. Emi Akimoto (Japan), 2. Shufen Li (China), 3. Minor Mori (Japan). Distance: 60.52 meters (Asian record).	82 kgs: 1. Zevag Duvchin (Mongolia), 2. Taj Muhammad Khairi (Afghanistan), 3. Pak Gi Hong (North Korea).
Handball	Baseball
1. China, 2. Japan, 3. South Korea. (China beat Japan 24-19).	Philippines 80, Kuwait 78; South Korea 97, India 88; Iraq 97, Bahrain 72.
Hockey	Women (league)
1. China, 2. Japan, 3. South Korea. (China beat Japan 24-19).	China 101, North Korea 62.
Shooting	Volleyball
Standard pistol 25 m (team): 1. Japan, 2. China, 3. South Korea.	Saudi Arabia 3, Nepal 0; Indonesia 3, Kuwait 0.
	Switzerland 3, North Korea 2.

fifth attempt. Zhou's effort wiped off the existing record of 16.56 meters and upset Japan's expectations of a clean sweep of four finals slated for the day.

Japan's Yasushi Ueta picked the silver with 16.23 and India's Balasubramaniam the bronze with 16.14. But Japan made it a one-two in the women's 400 meters and 100 meters hurdles.

Hiroshi Iozaki produced a superb kick on the home stretch to snatch the gold from her compatriot, Junko Yoshida in the 400 meters in a record time of 54.53 seconds. Yoshida finished in 54.75. The bronze went to India's Padmini Thomas, who moved from fifth position to third with a late burst.

After Emi Akimoto and Chizuko Akimoto were comfortably first and second in women's 100 meters hurdles, Japan had

another gold and bronze in women's javelin. Emi Matsui stretched the record to 60.52 meters.

Five South Korean boxes fought their way to the boxing finals, winning the first round of a battle with North Korea for top honors in the sport.

In the only two bouts involving both South and North Koreans, the South Koreans came out on top winning their victories with superior technique. The two bouts, both non-stop slugging affairs, were the highlights of an evening in which the finalists for light flyweight, flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight and light welterweight were decided.

The finalists in the other divisions, again dominated by South and North Koreans, will be decided.

Japan bridges the medal gap

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (AFP) — Japan drew to within a medal of China in the tight-fought battle for supremacy in the Asian Games medal standings Tuesday night.

Japanese supergirls won all three women's finals in the athletics stadium and Japan's men lent a hand by taking the team prize in standard pistol 25 meters shooting and winning two wrestling titles to hike their country's gold tally to 49 against China's 50.

The Chinese were only saved by a hard fought victory over Japan in the handball final. China also had cause to thank South Korean tennis players, who downed Japanese opposition in the finals of the women's doubles and mixed doubles.

The shooting events saw Japan's team deprive China of the gold after a tense shootout to resolve a tie on 2,235 points at the end of the regulation rounds. South Korea's marksmen, including individual gold medalist Park Jong Gil, were only a point behind, on 2,234, but had to settle for the bronze.

China was left right out of the wrestling divisions where medals were decided Tuesday. Japan took the golds for the categories

up to 48 kgs and up to 57 kgs, while Mongolian fighters struck gold in the divisions up to 68 kgs and up to 82 kgs.

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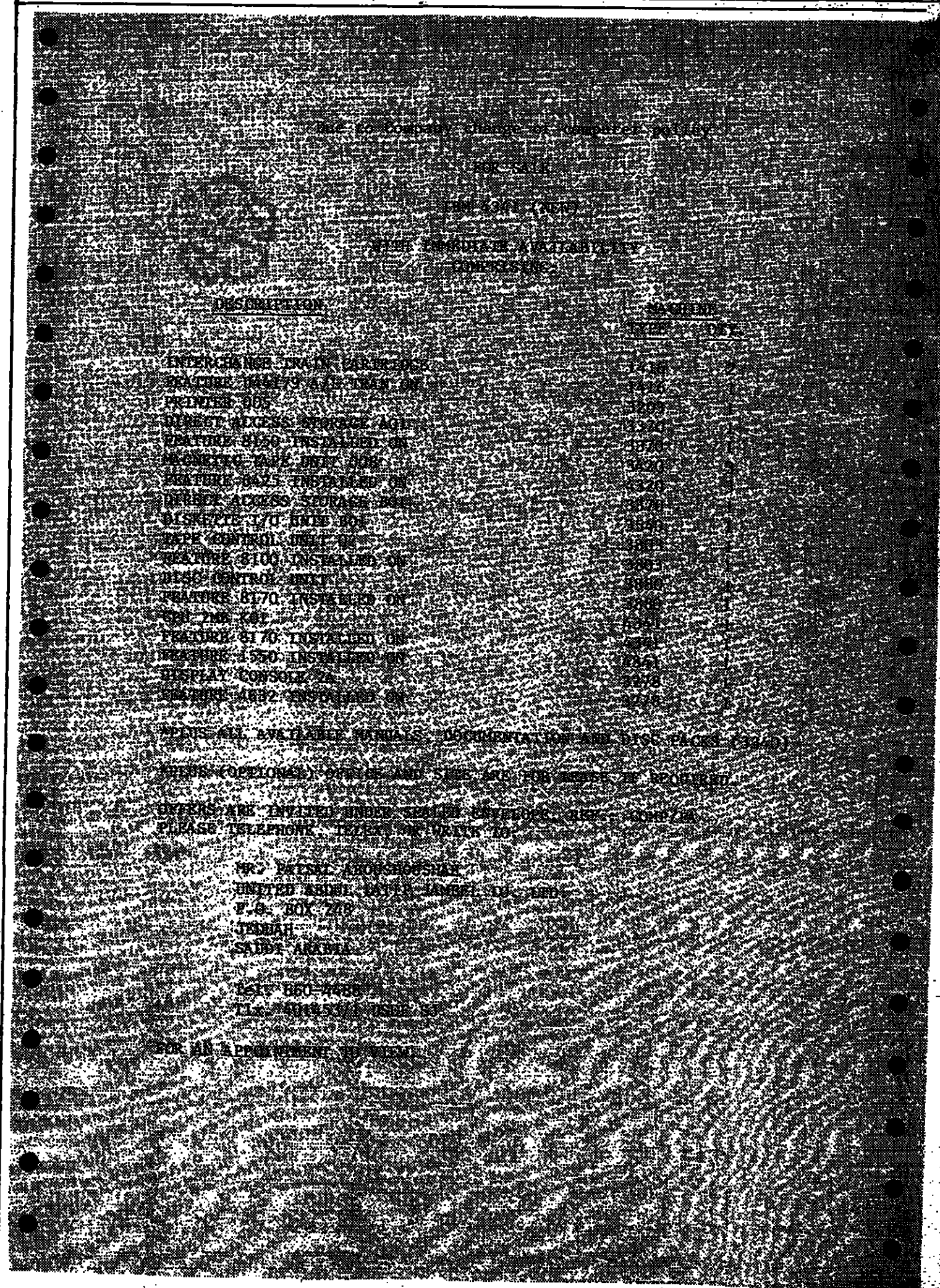
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U.S.-Uruguay pact heralds capital flow into Latin America

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP) — A new U.S. accord with Uruguay will set a precedent by breaking down part of a legal barrier that has hindered investment in Latin America for almost a century, according to U.S. officials.

"In the second week of December we'll have a bilateral agreement that represents a break from the Calvo doctrine," one of the U.S. government's Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

OPIC insures U.S. investors in other countries against war, political strife, nationalizations and other risks. Delphos said it has begun an aggressive marketing campaign to sell more insurance, encouraging American companies to make investments in new areas for them.

The Calvo doctrine was named for the 19th century Argentine writer Carlos Calvo. It holds that foreigners are entitled to only the same rights that citizens have. It is espoused with varying degrees of intensity by many Latin American governments. Any such government "that seems to be giving special privileges to foreign investors — especially

U.S. investors — risks unpopularity and endangers its political future.

According to Lorin S. Weisenfeld, OPIC's assistant general counsel, Uruguay and Mexico are the only two countries where the Calvo doctrine has prevented any agreement with the United States that allows a foreign investor to take a dispute to some body outside the host country — such as an arbitration board. Citizens of a country do not have that privilege.

He said that under the new agreement, Uruguayan courts would have first crack at any dispute between the Uruguayan government and a U.S. investor. But if the foreign investor is insured by OPIC and OPIC can show under international law that the Uruguayan court has denied him justice, it can take the case to international arbitration.

Weisenfeld said a similar provision was included in an agreement the United States made with Brazil in 1965 but it had never become a precedent. He added that like most such provisions it had never been invoked.

WB hints at selective credit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP) — The World Bank plans to be more selective in granting big loans for developing nations' railway systems, trying to avoid the large number of "problem projects" among such loans in the past, officials have said.

Too often, according to a bank report distributed to reporters, railroads benefiting from World Bank loans are not run as realistic commercial enterprises and end up as money losers dependent on government subsidies for survival. A main question has been whether railway loans should be continued at all "under these circumstances," the report said.

Christopher Willoughby, director of the bank's transportation and water department, said the answer was: Yes, continue the loans but be more careful the money is going where it has a good chance to leading to commercially viable transportation systems.

The lengthy bank report he distributed said there are good opportunities for railroads to thrive in many of the less-developed nations, particularly in light of high energy prices that can make railroads an attractive alternative to other forms of transportation.

However, the report added, "to take advantage of these opportunities," the rail-

roads must be run more efficiently. "Unfortunately, government authorities and the general public often perceive railways as a public service to be shielded from commercial progress," it said.

"This confusion between railway and state functions lies at the root of many of the railways' inefficiencies, which are frequently reflected in large government subsidies," the report said.

Future loans, it said, will be made only after careful discussion about several "minimum criteria for acceptability of a railway project for bank financing."

Agreement with the borrowing government that the basic objective is a commercial operation of the railway in active competition with other modes of transportation. "A start on any required government actions" such as reduced regulation, closing down uneconomic rail lines or increasing operating freedom of railway management.

Willoughby said there have not been actual defaults by nations on World Bank railway loans, "but sometimes the (private) borrowing enterprise itself has had difficulties in repaying the loan" and the government has had to step in and make loan payments.

U.S. farm exports seen declining anew

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP) — The volume of the United States' agricultural exports, which recently dropped for the first time in 13 years, is expected to decline again in 1982-83, the Agriculture Department has said.

Alan T. Tracy, Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, said that large U.S. supplies, depressed prices and an ailing world economy have been to blame.

After setting annual records for 12 consecutive years, U.S. farm exports in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30 dropped to \$39.1 billion, down 11 percent from the high of \$43.8 billion in 1980-81.

Tracy told USDA's annual outlook conference that "farm exports most likely will not be up in fiscal 1983. They could dip to \$37.5 billion." The actual volume of agricultural exports also declined last season but could recover in 1982-83 to an estimated 163 million metric tons, up 3 percent from 158.4 million last year, he said.

"Looking down the road, I am confident that U.S. agricultural exports will start to climb again as the world economy improves," Tracy said.

Egypt revises oil prices downward

CAIRO, Nov. 30 (AP) — Egypt has revised downward its oil prices for December because of the world market glut, oil ministry sources said Tuesday.

The sources said the monthly revision decreased the price of Egypt's first grade Gulf of Suez mix crude by 85 cents to \$31.75. The second grade Balayim mix crude was lowered by 25 cents to \$28.75 and the third grade Ras Ghareb Blend by 50 cents to \$26.75.

The sources said the oil ministry began revising its prices monthly instead of quarterly starting 1982 because of market fluctuations.

Egypt sets its prices independently from those set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). In June Egypt responded to tightening of worldwide oil supplies by raising the price of its top-grade crude oil by 60 cents a barrel to \$32.60.

Indonesia's oil exports decline

JAKARTA, Nov. 30 (AP) — The value of Indonesian exports of crude and other oil products in the first eight months of 1982 dropped 17.8 percent compared with the same January-August period of 1981.

Crude and other oil products exported in the first eight months of 1982 were valued at \$8.3 billion, down from the \$10 billion level for the same eight months in 1981.

De La Madrid set to unveil austerity steps

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 30 (Agencies) — Miguel De La Madrid takes over as president of Mexico Wednesday and is expected to announce austerity measures for tackling the economic crisis besetting his country, now the world's most heavily indebted nation.

The country has the world's fourth largest proven oil reserves, is the foremost producer of silver and immensely wealthy in minerals and agriculture. But Mexico went through an unbridled spending spree in the late 1970s, using oil revenues and borrowing heavily abroad for an over ambitious development plan, which suddenly collapsed.

De La Madrid is expected to tell the country how he plans to deal with the crisis in a one-hour inaugural address Wednesday at the start of a six-year term. Following Mexican tradition, he has been careful to avoid criticism of Lopez Portillo, his one-time mentor.

Privately, however, De La Madrid told reporters recently he plans to disassociate himself completely from Lopez Portillo

For bolstering economy

after he takes office. "The government ends Nov. 30. On Dec. 1, everything starts from the beginning," he said.

Lopez Portillo borrowed and spent billions of dollars expanding oil fields and industry, creating 4 million new jobs in a country where high unemployment is chronic, and giving it a dynamic new image.

He brought Mexico to prominence in foreign affairs, introduced a political reform giving the opposition more seats in congress and broadened press freedom to criticize the government. But falling world prices of oil, silver, coffee, cotton and other exports, together with high international interest rates caught the economy — undermined by corruption — in a fatal vise.

Suddenly, the government realized in August it could not meet payments on the nation's \$81 billion foreign debt. The Third World's highest, a large chunk of it borrowed from 115 American private banks.

Lopez Portillo imposed exchange controls and devalued the peso currency twice — from 27 to 70 to the dollar — but failed to

stop people from taking money out of the country. He then expropriated private Mexican banks, accusing the bankers of "sacking the country" by encouraging remittances abroad.

But panicky investors continued taking their money out through the black market where the peso last week was traded as low as 130 to the dollar. Mexico has turned to the International Monetary Fund for \$3.8 billion in bailout loans, which the IMF tentatively approved on the condition that Mexico cut spending sharply.

Prices of tortillas, beans, rice, transportation and utility rates are going up as a result of reductions in government subsidies, which had kept the cost of living manageable for Mexico's lower classes.

Inflation is expected to exceed 100 percent by the end of the year, double the 60 percent originally expected, but the minimum daily wage went up from 4 to 5.14. Sales are dropping sharply and an estimated 1 million people have been laid off. Another 2 million are expected to lose their jobs in the next four months.

Orders for ships dip by 35%

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AFP) — Far Eastern shipyards now dominate the world's shipbuilding scene with Japan, South Korea and China-Taiwan holding the three top positions, the latest Lloyd's Register shipbuilding returns indicate.

The overall world order book continued to shrink during the first nine months of this year, with new orders slumping 35 percent or 8.7 million gross tons compared with 13.4 million tons at the same stage a year ago.

Reflecting the gravity of the situation, total output during the period (12.6 million tons) exceeded new orders by a huge 3.9 million tons. Almost 79 percent of the world order book is scheduled for delivery by the end of 1983, Lloyd's pointed out.

Overall, the total "book" was down by 5.8 percent (1.87 million tons) between the second and third quarters to 30.82 million tons, the lowest since December, 1979, and now well over 100 million tons below the record touched in March, 1974 (133.4 million tons).

Within the total, 16.67 million tons were under construction, little changed from the previous quarter, but ships not commenced dropped 11.5 percent to 14.15 million tons.

Both major categories of vessels suffered further reductions in orders with tankers down by 10 percent to only 5.67 million tons and bulk-carriers down by 7.8 percent to 15.34 million tons.

But general cargo orders continued to increase, up 9.5 percent to 5.84 million tons, to exceed tanker orders for the first time in many years.

Among the individual shipbuilders, Japan held comfortably to first place with 10.15 million tons, despite the 11.25 percent (1.28

million ton) drop in its "book," followed, as last quarter, by South Korea with 2.91 million tons, down 7.7 percent (240,000 tons) and China-Taiwan up from fourth with 1.86 million (up 3.7 percent, 67,000 tons).

Spain fell back from third to fourth, following a 10 percent (196,000 ton) reduction to 1.72 million, followed as previously by Brazil (down 7.6 percent at 1.54 million), Poland (up 1.2 percent at 1.4 million), Britain (down one percent at 1.05 million) and West Germany (down six percent at 955,000).

Yugoslavia held on to ninth place despite a sharp 14.5 percent drop to 828,000 tons, but Denmark climbed up a place to 10th after a three percent rise to 796,000 tons.

India to buy Iran oil

NICOSIA, Nov. 30 (AP) — Iran and India have signed an agreement for the sale of 3,400,000 tons (25.5 million barrels) of Iranian crude oil to India, Iran's Oil Minister Muhammad Ghazari has announced.

Tehran radio quoted the minister as saying the amount was the same as India's crude oil purchases from Iran last year. The price was not mentioned. The announcement was made following six days of talks in Tehran by Indian deputy oil minister.

The Indian officials stated before leaving Tehran earlier in the day that "fruitful agreements" had been reached on economic and industrial exchanges. Iran's current production is estimated at 2.5 million barrels per day.



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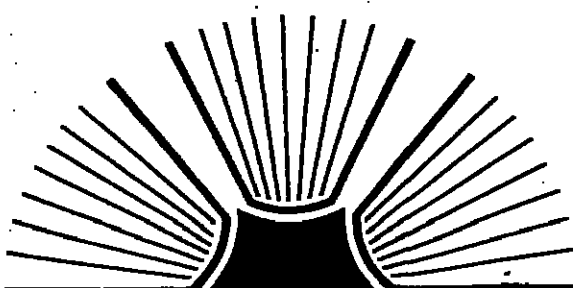
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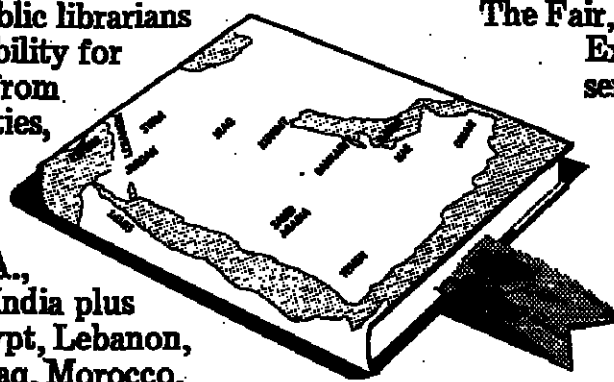


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After days of wrangling

Mixed reaction to GATT accord

GENEVA, Nov. 30 (AFP) — The ministerial declaration pledging action by nearly 90 countries to curb protectionism and preserve and bolster free trade caused widespread relief, mingled with disappointment, among participants in the GATT conference that ended at dawn here Monday.

The hard-fought last-minute compromise between the United States and the European Economic Community over agricultural trade averted a breakdown of the first ministerial meeting of contracting parties of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in nearly a decade.

Voicing relief, many participants said that the compromise might have defused a potentially major new trans-Atlantic row, less than

a month after U.S. President Ronald Reagan called off the damaging dispute over Western European involvement in the Euro-Siberian gas pipeline.

These sources felt the U.S. administration created the premises for a serious political clash when it sought to back up its demand for a phasing out of EEC agricultural export subsidies by threatening before and during the conference, to flood world markets with \$3 billion worth of surplus American dairy products and milk.

The conference, which opened last Wednesday, was initially scheduled to wind up on Saturday. Participants said then readiness of key ministers to continue bargaining for another 40 hours indicated their awareness of the possible disastrous consequences of an outright failure.

Disappointment, and sometimes anger, was evident in several delegations that left Geneva Monday, stemming from a feeling that the final declaration was in the end watered down considerably, compared with the initial hopes and intentions of a large number of countries. Australia early this year launched the idea of a "standstill" on new

measures by governments to protect or financially assist their domestic industries, accompanied by a gradual "wind-back" of existing measures outside the rules for fair trade laid down by GATT.

Because of the need to accommodate the views of the EEC, which felt this would be totally unrealistic at a time of stagnating economic growth and record unemployment, the final version of the declaration merely said member countries undertook to "make determined efforts" to keep in line with GATT principles and to "resist" protectionist pressures.

Besides, the EEC read into the records of the conference its own "interpretation" of the text, considered as restrictive by most other delegations and so angering the Australians that they made it clear they could "not associate" themselves with the declaration.

Saying the text seemed "toothless", a senior European official said it was "paradoxical" that GATT members were prepared to pledge no more than "determined efforts" to abide by rules to which they were "legally committed" from the moment they joined GATT.

Zhao launches 5-year plan

PEKING, Nov. 30 (AP) — China plans 4 percent annual economic growth for 1981-85, expects imports to run slightly ahead of exports and will strive to keep budget deficits under 3 billion yuan (\$1.5 billion) a year, Premier Zhao Ziyang announced Tuesday.

Zhao told the National People's Congress the targets set in the five-year plan ending in 1985 are safe and appropriate, and efforts will be made to overfulfill the plan with 5 percent annual growth.

He called for further efforts to foster a better attitude toward labor, office work and services, and to halt malpractices for selfish ends.

In the plan's first two years, he said, total industrial and agricultural output grew by 4.5 percent in 1981 and were expected to grow by 5.7 percent in 1982.

Zhao also promised wage increases, with

bigger raises going to middle-aged intellectuals, but gave no figures. His comment on the intellectuals' importance to China's modernization drive was warmly applauded.

The Chinese press has said many middle-aged engineers, scientists, technicians, teachers and other specialists are held back by poor living and working conditions. In the 1966-76 "cultural revolution," the leftist radicals then in power denounced intellectuals as politically unreliable.

Presentation of the full 1981-85 plan had been delayed by a retrenchment ordered in 1979 when Chinese leaders decided the nation was spending more than it could afford in heavy industrial expansion, and needed more consumer goods.

Zhao said the readjustment would continue under the 1981-85 plan, which is intended to provide the foundation for the year 2000. That goal requires an average annual growth of 7.2 percent for 20 years, and Chinese leaders have said economic growth will accelerate in the 1990s.

In foreign trade, Zhao said exports will grow an average annual 8.1 percent to 40.2 billion yuan (\$20.1 billion) in 1985, while imports grow 9.2 percent annually to 45.3 billion yuan (\$22.7 billion).

In 1981-85, he said, 15.4 billion yuan (\$7.7 billion) will go to China's oil industry, mainly for prospecting, and the nation's oil extraction capacity will increase by 35 million tons. China produced 101 million tons of oil in 1981.

IWC predicts fall in rice output

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AFP) — World rice production (on a paddy basis) this year will be around 405 million metric tons — about seven million tons less than 1981's record output, the International Wheat Council predicted here Tuesday.

In its latest report, the council said the drop was largely due to India's lower output, which is expected to be some eight million tons smaller than last year's 81.7 million tons. The Indian crop was harmed by drought in several eastern states, followed in October by widespread flooding.

Thailand's production is expected to be about one million tons less than last year's record 17.8 million tons. But for all other Far East Asian countries, the council predicted the rice crop to be either higher this year, or around the same level as last year.

It expected China to harvest at least 148 million tons (compared with 146.2 million tons in 1981). Bangladesh, Japan, South Korea and the Philippines are all expected to register modest increases. And Indonesia's production is expected to match last year's

OECD sees no signs of recovery

PARIS, Nov. 30 (R) — There is still no economic recovery in the industrial world and output this year for the main Western states will be slightly below last year's level, an official of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Tuesday.

But Sylvia Ostry, head of the OECD's economics and statistics department, said inflation in the 24 member states has come down to around seven percent, half the peak reached in the first part of 1980.

The OECD groups the main non-Communist industrial states. In remarks prepared for delivery at a foreign exchange conference here, Dr. Ostry said the outlook varies from region to region but the OECD foresees a moderate upturn next year in the United States that will be enough to start reducing unemployment from record levels.

Japanese economic growth will be modest by past standards with half-yearly growth rates of between three and four percent. But growth in Europe, after a significant weakening in the second half of this year, will remain sluggish and the increase will at best be in the one to two percent range next year.

Stressing the problems of economic forecasting during a recession Dr. Ostry said: "We are all more at sea than we used to be, and quite a bit more at sea than we would like."

France to draw \$4b standby loan

PARIS, Nov. 30 (AP) — France, concerned over the continued strain on currency holdings created by its support of the franc, will bolster its reserves by drawing the entire \$4 billion recently arranged Eurocredit loan.

Officials at the economic and finance ministry confirmed reports that the government will draw the loan in a series of borrowing that banking analysts say will shore up the country's dwindling reserves.

The new strategy represents a sharp turnaround by the government which had hoped to leave the bulk of the credit on standby. "We intend to draw on it progressively. But this doesn't mean that we will use it," said one official. He stressed the government has no immediate plans to use the funds to support the French currency.

The government has already drawn about \$1.3 billion of the loan, and banking sources revealed that France is about to draw \$400 million of the remaining \$2.7 billion.

The government arranged the 10-year loan just last month in a bid to halt speculation against the French franc on foreign exchange markets by demonstrating France's willingness and ability to defend its currency.

Leading indicators rise 0.6% in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP) — A key barometer of the United States' future economic health rose a moderate 0.6 percent in October, the sixth gain in seven months, the government reported Tuesday.

The rise in the Commerce Department's index of leading indicators was likely to be welcomed as a new sign the recession may be nearing an end after 16 months. The new report also revised September's gain from 0.5 percent to a much stronger 1.1 percent.

Still, recent increases have been small by comparison with those near the end of the previous rise signs. For example, the index rose more than 2 percent for three months in a row at the end of the 1980 downturn.

Dollar rates chalk up gains

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 30 — The release of the latest U.S. money supply figures Monday night in New York, gave a new lease of life to the beleaguered American currency. The dollar rose against most of the major European currencies except for the British pound which remained surprisingly firm at the 1.6080 levels after the latest interest rates hikes by the two remaining British High Street banks Monday. On the Tuesday European exchanges the dollar was mixed but generally held its ground against the other currencies in some spirited trading.

In the money markets, Eurodollar rates were stable but some slight rises were registered in the shorter tenors, taking the one-month rate to over 9 3/4 percent from 9 1/4 percent Monday. The longer-dated funds were more stable and little changes were registered in these tenors.

The bullion markets experienced some upsurge in activity Tuesday and gold prices were traded at over the \$435 levels at one stage before profit-taking pushed rates down to \$427.50 levels in London. Silver was more volatile and traded around \$9.60 to \$9.56 levels Monday following in gold's footsteps.

Dealers are generally happy that bullion prices have remained at present levels given the general uncertainties in the money markets over whether the U.S. Federal Reserve Board would cut its discount rate or not. The rise of \$2.8 billion in the weekly U.S.

money supply figures, however, helped to sustain the dollar's trading on the exchanges and the markets were still caught by surprise comparing these figures with the previous week's \$100 million fall.

The local markets were generally mixed Tuesday but with downward pressure still being exerted on rial deposit rates, the one-month JIBOR was quoted at 8 1/2 - 8 3/4 percent but fell back by 1/4 percent by close of business.

The longer tenors were also quieter at 9 1/4 - 9 3/4 percent levels compared to over 10 1/4 percent levels for the one-year period a week ago. In the exchanges, spot : rial/ dollar rates were quoted at 3.4402-08 on opening but fell back to 3.4400-05 by close in this trading.

In Europe, the yen fell back to 252.60 levels from 248/249.00 levels Monday due to month-end closing and profit-taking but the general impression was that the yen was still a strong currency in the coming few weeks. The German mark fell to 2.4980 levels in thin trading that saw no Bundesbank support while the French franc remained stable at the 7.0680 levels. The Swiss currency was unchanged at 2.1490 levels.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	437.50
Paris	431.07
Frankfurt	430.00
Zurich	437.50
Hong Kong	428.62

Nepal unfolds plan for growth

KATMANDU, Nov. 30 (SP) — King Birendra of Nepal inaugurated a five-day meeting Monday to discuss the industrial development of the Kingdom of Nepal.

In his address to the conference Monday, jointly sponsored by the U.N. Industrial Development Organization and the Nepalese government, the king said: "It is our belief that while every nation must develop its capacity for self-reliance, today's world of rapid technological advance and increasingly complex inter-dependence make such consultations both necessary and useful."

"These imaginative efforts to build the world economy emphasize the need to promote economic and technical cooperation among the developing countries as well as between them and the developed ones."

He said: "Like other developing countries, Nepal's problems have become increasingly complex. With the rapidly growing population dependent on a limited resource base, we continue to invest in agricultural production bearing in mind that industrialization is necessary for creating new economic opportunities for our people."

"Our industrial strategy focuses on five areas—food, clothes, shelter, health and education. We seek to develop industries which

produce for the market that already exists. In aiming to develop industries such as food processing, textiles, drugs, pharmaceutical, construction and education materials, we will be fulfilling these basic needs. In addition, we seek to develop industries based on these resources by setting up joint ventures in Nepal and thus open up export opportunities. But above all, we seek to develop our country's greatest resource, water, for multipurpose uses such as hydroelectricity, irrigation, navigation flood control and tourism for our benefit and the benefit of the entire region."

The king said: "We also believe that the initiative and enterprise of the private sector can play a meaningful role in our industrial development. We are, therefore, pursuing a policy of actively involving this sector's participation in industrial ventures. The industrial policy and subsequent acts are designed to encourage and both domestic and foreign private investment by creating the required atmosphere in Nepal. We welcome collaboration in all these areas. In a world of mutual interdependence, it is not possible for any of us to live in complete isolation. We have to learn to share our strength, bear with our weaknesses, appreciate each other's problems and learn to respect each other's viewpoints."

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Quoted at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka		14.15
Belgian Franc (1,000)		70.65
Canadian Dollar		27.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	138.70	138.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	125.75	125.55
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.30
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.25	94.70
French Franc (100)	49.25	49.05
Greek Drachma (1,000)		46.30
Indian Rupee (100)		35.35
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Lira (10,000)	6.25	24.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	24.10	13.70
Jordanian Dinar	9.57	9.55
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.81	11.785
Libanese Lira (100)	85.30	85.15
Moroccan Dirham (100)	51.75	54.20
Pakistan Rupee (100)	29.25	27.12
Philippines Peso (100)		38.90
Pound Sterling	5.57	5.555
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		156.40
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	29.18
Swiss Franc (100)	161.50	161.22
Syrian Lira (1,000)	60.25	60.42
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
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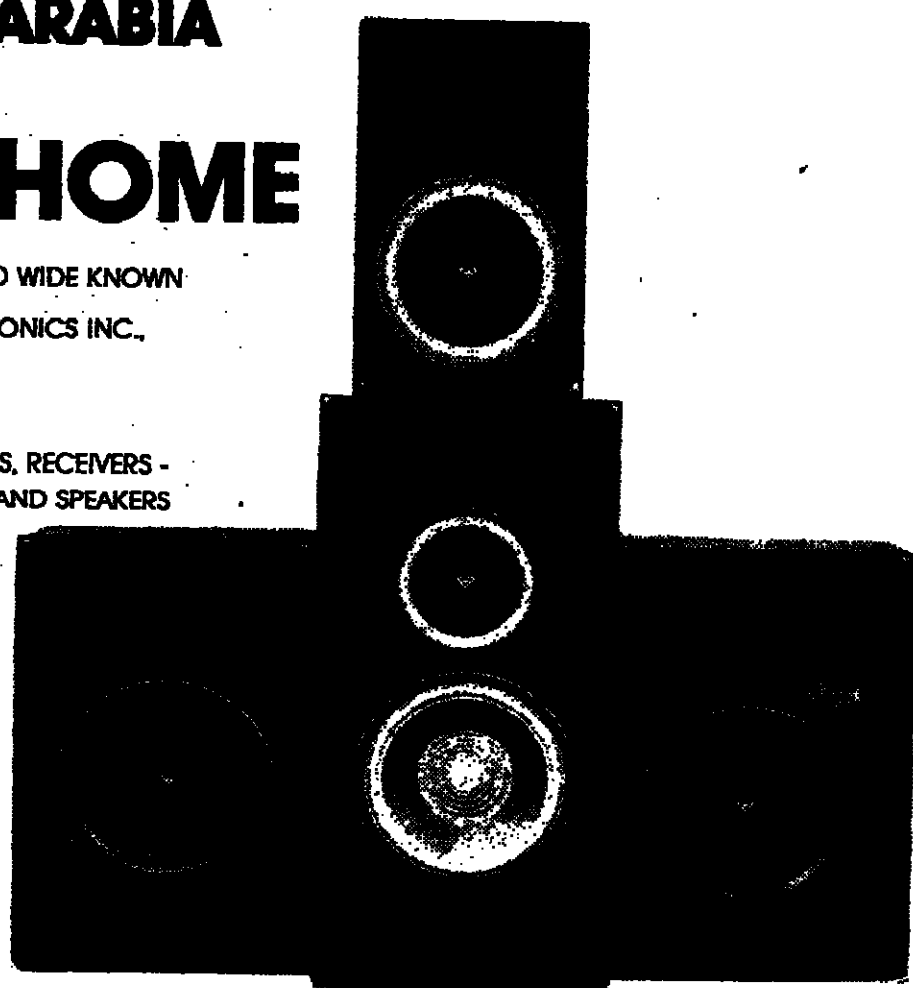
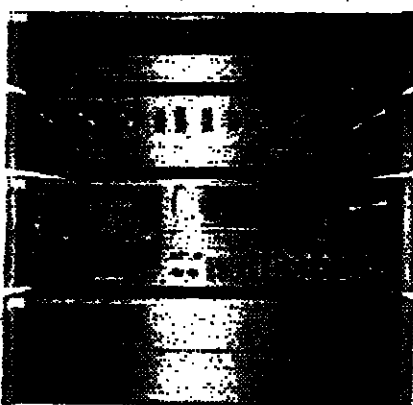
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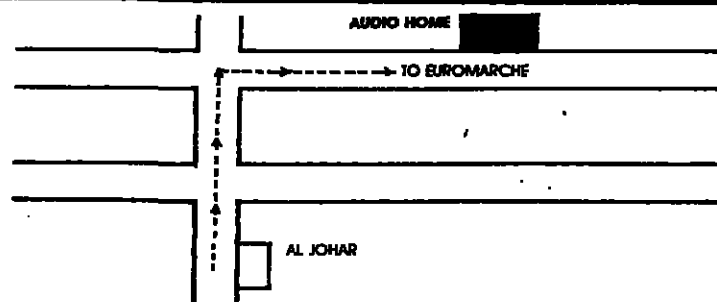
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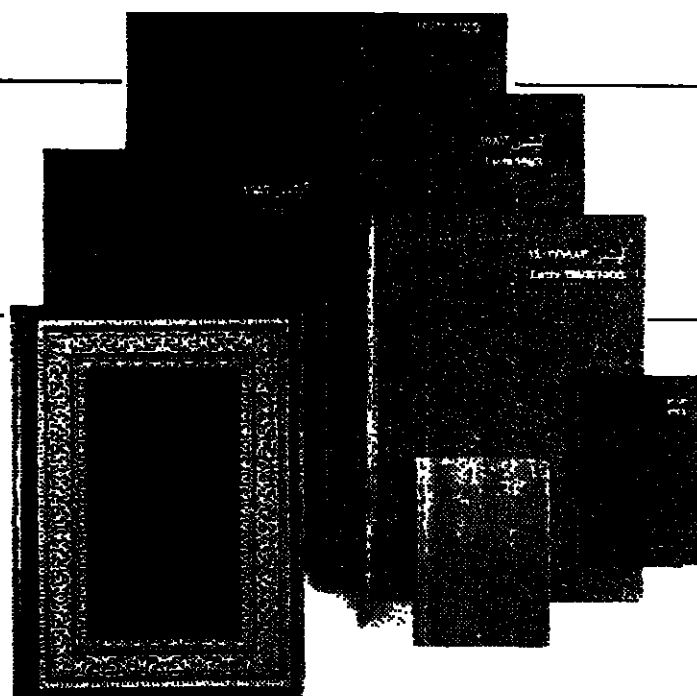
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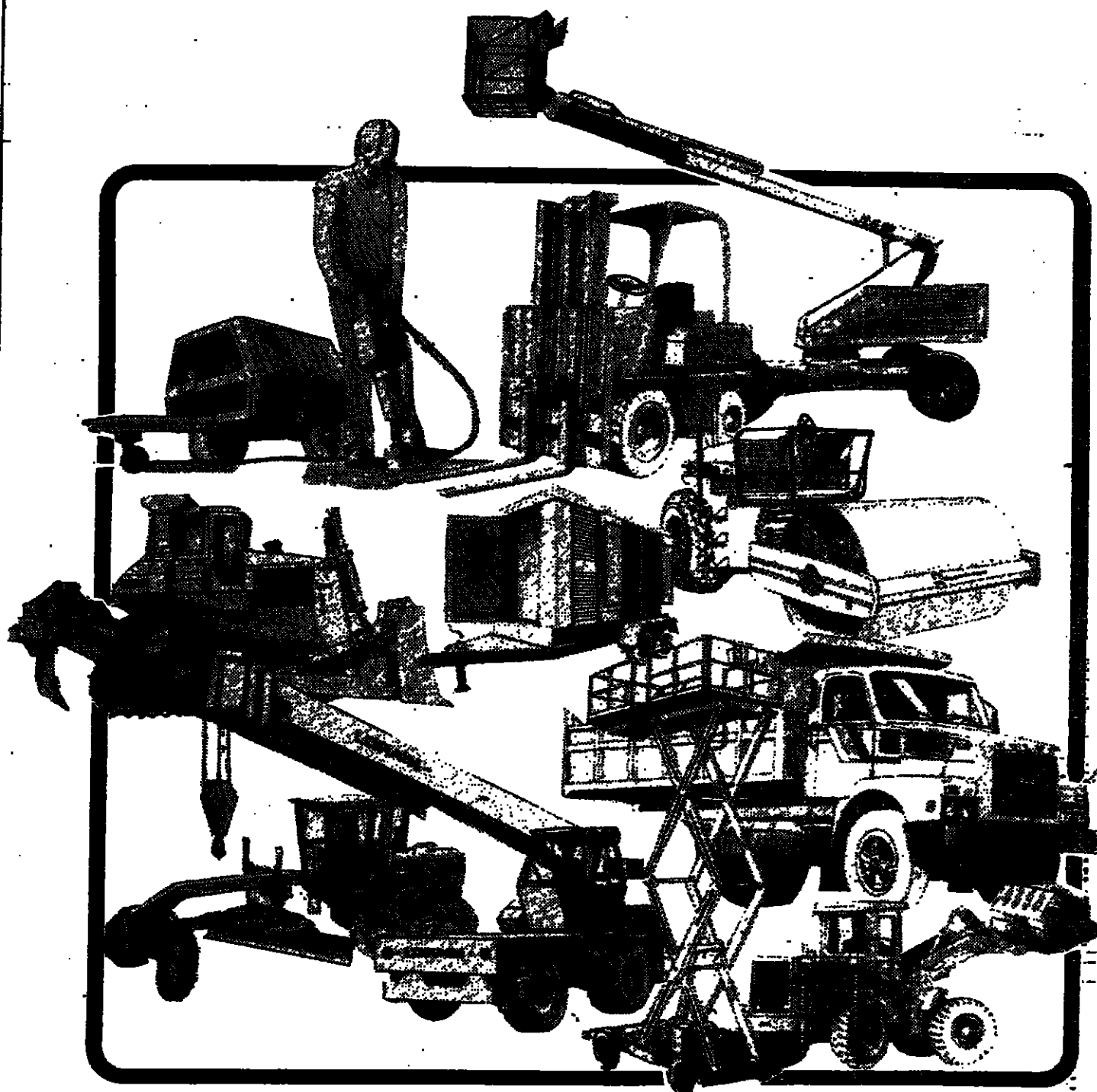
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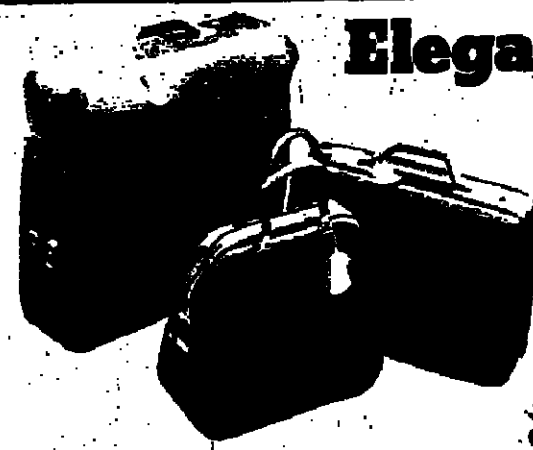
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Chinese 'eager to befriend' Moscow

TOKYO, Nov. 30 (AFP) — Communist China plans to normalize relations with the Soviet Union on the grounds that confrontation with Moscow does not serve China's national interests, the major daily *Yanmin Shi* reported Tuesday, quoting a classified document of the Chinese Communist Party.

The secret document, recently obtained by the Japanese Foreign Ministry, was made around the time of the 12th party convention in September for the purpose of educating young leaders, the daily said. It disclosed that Peking places top priority on economic construction and wants to improve its relations with Moscow in line with this policy.

But the document also revealed keen Chinese apprehensions over Soviet hegemonism and Peking's policy to pursue equidistance diplomacy in dealing with Moscow and Washington, the *Yanmin Shi* said. It said Peking's policy of placing importance on friendship with Japan was because "Sino-Japanese friendship serves the interests of both".

The Foreign Ministry declined to disclose how it had obtained the document on the grounds that disclosure would seriously hamper Japan's diplomatic activities. A diplomatic source in Peking was quoted by the *Yanmin Shi* as saying that the document had been obtained through a "special route" and an analysis of its substance had recently been completed among a few top Foreign Ministry officials here.

The same source added that the document vividly revealed the true thinking of Chinese leaders. The document said that both the United States and the Soviet Union intended to use China as a "trump card" in their struggle for world supremacy and that both Washington's attempt to normalize relations with Peking and Moscow's overtures for rapprochement were aimed at serving their respective national interests, the Chinese source was quoted as saying.

It disclosed Peking's repugnance at Washington's policy toward Taiwan and the Soviet Union's superpower behavior. However, while advising caution against Moscow's expansionist behavior, it said that the Soviet Union was a "long-standing friend and excessive confrontation between China and the Soviet Union did not serve China's national interest."

The document disclosed that China's real intention was to establish an independent foreign policy not hamstrung by any other country and that its basic policy was to acquire strength through economic construction in the belief that there could be no diplomacy without strength.

Antonov 'shown' in Vatican photo

ROME, Nov. 30 (AFP) — Ivanov Antonov, the deputy head here of the Bulgarian "Balkanair" company, was photographed in Saint Peter's Square at the moment an attempt was made to assassinate Pope John Paul II, the weekly magazine *Oggi* reported.

The photograph was taken a few seconds before the shooting, and showed Antonov standing behind the Turkish would-be assassin Mehmet Ali Agca, *Oggi* claimed. Police technicians are examining the picture.

Antonov was arrested last Tuesday on a charge of involvement in the assassination attempt, which the Italian press is claiming was organized, financed and planned by the "Bulgarian connection".

Newspapers here report that Antonov has been identified as the man who reserved a small room for Agca when he came to Rome on his murder bid. Two Turks, wanted for complicity in the shooting of the pope, have reportedly fled for safety to Sofia, the Bulgarian capital.

Cosmonauts to return

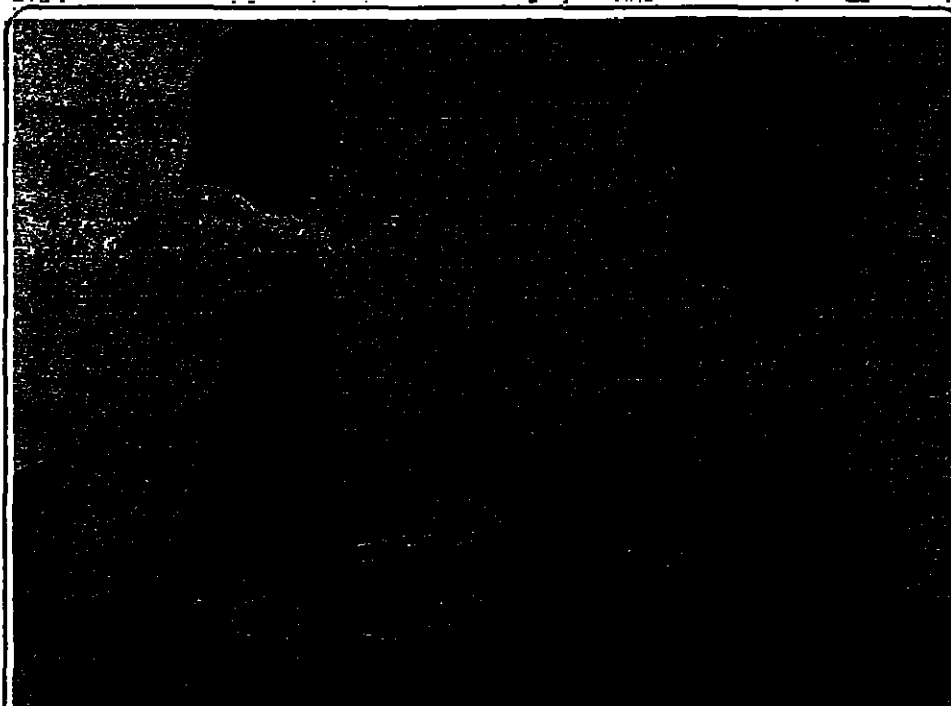
MOSCOW, Nov. 30 (AFP) — The two Soviet cosmonauts who on Nov. 23 broke the record for a stay in space at 193 days have begun preparations for their return to earth, the Soviet news agency Tass said here Tuesday without indicating when they would land.

Anatoly Berezovoi and Valentin Lebedev, who are now in their 202nd day aboard the *Soyuz-7* space station, began physical training in their space suits which simulate the effects of gravity. Tass said the two were in good health and would transport equipment from the space station to the transport vessel Tuesday.

A *Soyuz-7* craft and *Progress-16* space truck are docked alongside *Soyuz-7*.

Karamanlis in Bonn

BONN, Nov. 30 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Greek President Constantine Karamanlis held talks in Bonn Tuesday on European Community problems and Greece's territorial dispute with Turkey. A Foreign Ministry statement said the two men discussed prospects for West Germany's presidency of the community, which begins in January. But it gave no details.



CELLULOID GANDHI: British actor Ben Kingsley in the title role of the film *Gandhi* which hit the screen Tuesday. Seated opposite to him is Martin Sheen who plays the role of a journalist. The film tells the story of Mahatma Gandhi, one of the world's greatest men of peace.

Gandhi hits Indian screens

NEW DELHI, Nov. 30 (R) — Twenty years after he first thought of the idea, British film director Richard Attenborough brought Mahatma Gandhi to Indian cinema screens Tuesday.

His epic film *Gandhi* tracing the life of the apostle of non-violence, has its world premiere Tuesday night in a capital that Gandhi helped pluck from the hands of Imperial Britain and where he died a violent death at the hands of a Hindu fanatic.

"It needed an Englishman to make this film," said a veteran Indian political jour-

nalist after seeing a preview of the film which pulls no punches about the brutal aspects of British rule. Other viewers agreed that Attenborough had made a sensitive film in which Gandhi, played by British actor Ben Kingsley, comes alive not only as a man of lofty principles but also as a human being with a rich sense of humor.

Gandhi is venerated in India today although many Indians feel that the moral values he espoused have become eroded in a society which still suffers from disparities of wealth and caste and sporadic violence.

Fanfani moderates views

ROME, Nov. 30 (R) — Prime Minister-designate Amintore Fanfani, who announced Tuesday he was ready to form a coalition government, has known both triumph and despair in the Byzantine world of Italian politics.

Fanfani, 74, was prime minister four times between 1954 and 1963. During the fourth term he led his Christian Democratic Party into a unique alliance with the Socialists. The alliance has stood the test of time. The Socialists have agreed to join the Christian Democ-



Amintore Fanfani

French minister raps judges

PARIS, Nov. 30 (R) — Justice Minister Robert Badinter has added new heat to a partisan law-and-order debate in France by accusing conservative judges of sabotaging his reforms of the country's courts.

One newspaper, *Le Monde*, said Badinter's remarks, in which he referred bitterly to the loneliness of his position, could well indicate his future resignation. In a speech to the left-wing Magistrates Union at the weekend, the Socialist minister rebuked the judges, and the country, for what he called their obsession with a rising crime rate.

He said the judges had ignored instructions to show more leniency toward young criminals in an effort to keep them out of prison. But judicial sources said Badinter's reformist zeal had coincided with growing public anxiety over a rising level of violence and robbery.

The passion evoked by the Badinter reforms was indicated at the conference of a local right-wing law-and-order group which

rats, Social Democrats and Liberals in Fanfani's new government.

In recent years Fanfani has moderated his right-wing views and carefully groomed the image of a senior statesman and leader of the upper house of parliament. As Senate leader he had the constitutional role of deputizing for the Italian president at official functions. In this capacity he attended the funeral of Soviet President Brezhnev in Moscow earlier this month.

In his long political career, Fanfani has been minister of the interior, foreign affairs, labor and agriculture. He was twice national secretary or leader of the Christian Democratic Party which has dominated Italian politics since World War II. He was defeated in elections for the Italian presidency in 1964 and in 1971. On both occasions, what led to his defeat was his demand to "strengthen the office along the lines of the French presidency."

The low point of his political career came in 1974-75 when he campaigned vigorously against the legalization of divorce, only to be rebuffed in a national referendum. In 1975 he was forced to resign as party secretary after the Christian Democrats did badly in regional elections.

A year later Fanfani was stumping the country in a general election campaign, denouncing the Communists and urging voters who had previously supported the neo-Fascists to back the Christian Democrats. He was given major credit for the party's success in thwarting the Communist bid for power.

described crime and delinquency as a cancer in France.

One judicial source said: "The left is upset because they don't think he is moving fast enough, the right thinks he is soft on criminals and ordinary people are worried that things are out of control."

Badinter, a left-wing lawyer, took office in 1981 with the mission of revitalizing what the Socialist government saw as the antiquated and slow-moving French system of justice. The death penalty and the state security court were abolished.

While ordering a crackdown on organized crime, Badinter also told his judges to take a more liberal line with young criminals and especially first offenders. It was in this regard that he complained to the Magistrates Union which counts only a fifth of the 5,000-strong and mainly conservative magistrature among its members.

Badinter believes no one under 16 should go to prison except for the most serious offenses.

U.S. plans to buy European missiles

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AFP) — The United States is considering buying European-made missiles for several U.S. Air Force bases in West Germany, military sources said here Monday. The choice is between Britain's Rapier anti-aircraft missile and the French and German-manufactured Roland.

According to congressional sources, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee is to study the issue shortly.

French sources here described the Roland as having been particularly effective during the Falklands war in the southern Atlantic last summer. A battery of the missiles set up by invading Argentine forces to defend Port Stanley shot down four British Harrier jets and damaged a fifth one. A battery of four such missiles can protect a zone 100-kilometer square. Their strike capability varies from 500 to 6,000 meters.

(Meanwhile, former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said in a British television interview aired Monday that his country was "fully capable" of deterring any conventional attack on Central Europe. Schmidt, in England on a private visit, said Western Europe was wrong to have an inferiority complex with respect to Soviet Defense capability.)

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has again condemned the proposed installation of medium-range missiles in Western Europe as a risk of war and a "threat to the civil population of this continent," the Soviet Novosti press agency said.

This new Soviet criticism of deployment by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) of Euro-missiles came as NATO defense ministers met in Brussels, observers noted. The Soviet Union could not refrain from a "nuclear reply" to Euro-missiles launched by "human error," Novosti said.

The time lapse between a firing of the missiles — even if this were due to "human error or a technical failing" — and their expected arrival would be too short for the Soviet Union to avoid using its nuclear force.

"This (nuclear) response will be directed not only against American installations but also against headquarters, communication centers and arsenals situated in heavily populated regions of Western Europe," Novosti said.

Reagan offers N-test parley

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan will shortly propose new negotiations with the Soviet Union to require on-site inspection as a condition for ratifying two treaties that limit underground nuclear tests, say U.S. officials.

A final decision by Reagan is expected in about a week, after the National Security Council acts on the virtually unanimous recommendation of his principal advisers. It would be up to the new Soviet leadership to decide whether to reopen negotiations.

In the meantime, the administration has written off any immediate resumption of negotiations on a treaty to ban all underground nuclear tests. "That's dead as far as we're concerned, although it remains a long-term goal," said a U.S. official who asked not to be identified.

Negotiations with the Soviet Union and Britain were suspended two years ago. The threshold test ban treaty, signed by President Richard Nixon in 1974, and the peaceful nuclear explosion treaty, signed in 1976 by President Ford, limit underground nuclear tests to 150 kilotons. That is equivalent to about 10 times the explosive power of the atomic bomb the United States dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945.

These are the only kind of nuclear tests that are permitted. Testing above ground, under water and in outer space were barred in 1963 in an agreement signed by the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain, and later by 120 other countries.

A prominent supporter of the underground test bans, Sen. Charles H. Percy, Republican-Illinois, said he wants to see them ratified but has no objection to changes "provided they are reasonable, in the U.S. interest and do not lead to protracted negotiations."

"I hope that agreement on verification can be reached," Percy, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Monday through an aide. "I am confident that the resulting treaties would receive the approval of two-thirds of the Senate."

The treaties have never been submitted for ratification. In July 23 Democrats and eight Republicans introduced a resolution urging Reagan to submit the long-pending treaties to the Senate "at the earliest possible date."

They also called for negotiations to ban all nuclear tests. Every president since John F. Kennedy has been committed to seeking a total test ban. In his arms control initiatives, Reagan has stressed a need for verification procedures — ways of making sure the Soviets observed terms of their agreements with the United States.

In the United Nations Row erupts over Columbus

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 30 (AP) — Iceland and Ireland set off a heated General Assembly debate when they light-heartedly challenged a Spanish-American resolution proposing to commemorate Christopher Columbus as the discoverer of the Americas.

As Latin Tensions mounted, Assembly President Imre Hollai of Hungary proposed through a motion to postpone until Monday a move on the resolution, which calls for the United Nations to prepare a "dignified commemoration" on Oct. 12, 1992, of the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America. Columbus sailed to the New World under the Spanish flag.

Ambassador Luis Moreno-Salcedo of the Philippines, one of the resolution's 36 co-sponsors, suggested the postponement to allow more time to overcome Nordic opposition to what had seemed to be an uncontroversial resolution and to enable it to be adopted unanimously without a vote.

The resolution is unusual in that the United States and its Latin American adversaries, Cuba and Nicaragua, are linked in its co-sponsorship. Most of the co-sponsors are Latin American and Caribbean nations, but they also include Spain and Italy.

The verbal fireworks erupted after the 157-nation assembly coolly had disposed of the burning issue of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, voting 114-21 with 13 abstentions for "the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops" from that Southwest Asian country.

Noel Dorr, Ireland's mild-mannered ambassador, offended Spanish and Latin American sensibilities when he asked, "Is it not something of an exaggeration to speak so confidently of (Columbus) 1492 landing in San Salvador as the discovery of America?" "For one thing," he said, tongue-in-cheek, "there were indigenous inhabitants."

Dorr then put in a Irish claim to the discovery, referring to Irish chronicles of a trans-Atlantic crossing by Irish monks early in the 7th century. "It is not clearly established," Dorr conceded, "whether Saint Brendan was indeed such an Irish explorer or whether he did indeed make the voyage he is credited with."

He hastened to add that he did want to begrudge Columbus his due, but questioned the wisdom of the assembly's committing

itself to action 10 years in advance of the Columbus quinqucentenary.

Icelandic Ambassador Hordur Helgason put in a claim on behalf of Leif Ericson, a Viking who in about the year 1000 discovered "Vinland," which is believed to have been New Foundland. "We feel that the historical fact of Leif Ericson's discovery is so totally ignored in the ... wording of the draft resolution that we cannot give it our vote," Helgason told the assembly.

He provoked laughter when he said, "should the resolution — the first one in the history of the United Nations which commemorates colonization — be passed, and I expect it will, the assembly may expect in the year 2000 a parallel proposal from Iceland commemorating the 1000th anniversary of the discovery of America. The preparation of that celebration would have to last 20 years."

Ambassador Don Jaime de Pinies of Spain was not amused. Grimly he reminded the Irish and Icelandic envoys that Columbus' discovery had led to the settlement of America and to a merger of races and cultures.

"Up to this point," he said, "the only thing I have found from Ireland ... is the police force in New York City and distinguished Irishmen who belong to the American community ... as to Iceland, I don't know what has been left behind by them. But what is not acceptable to my delegation is to say we came here to set up colonies in the pejorative sense. Spain did not come to establish any colonies. It came here to merge its race with the indigenous people in this continent. Proof of this is that in Hispanic America there exists perfectly Creole races ... while in other parts of the American continent, higher up, this merger of races did not take place."

Colombian representative Hernando Dussan, echoing the incensement of other Latin American delegates, remarked, "We don't understand why a mockery should be made of the objective of Latin America to observe this quinqucentenary, with tremendous pride and pleasure."

Guatemalan Ambassador Mario Quinones Amezcua said Spain's contributions to the New World were "too many to mention. We therefore consider that the insult which was offered in certain aspects here is entirely inappropriate."

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The BBC time capsule

By Y. Taher

To mark its 60th birth anniversary, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) recently buried a time capsule in the mansion owned by its chairman. The BBC has aired the hope that it will not be opened till the year 3982 A.D. that is 2,000 years hence. The underlying desire, of course, is to show the people, if there are still people around by then, what type of civilization there was in the world during the 1980s. The hope is based on the presumption that some degenerate specimen of humanity springing from the descendants of the present inhabitants of the British Isles will still survive 2,000 years hence. This might not prove to be an entirely fond hope granting the possibility that the world may not destroy itself through the misuse of the nuclear weapons it possesses in ample quantities.

This great voice of the present times — BBC — this self-appointed spokesman for the countless dumb millions, this self-styled authority over culture and civilization, has, like always, chosen to act on behalf of the whole world, even for those peoples who may not be a part of the Western civilization. But for BBC, like for many others in the West, there seems to be no other civilization in the world than that of the West. Obviously, the corporation considers that it can impose its own brand of culture as far as its voice can be heard, which is very far indeed! Thanks to BBC, people living in different regions of the world, and following still more different modes of thought and life, have been spared the ordeal of trying to define their own culture. After all, what do we ignorant Orientals know of these things!

The selection of the items for the time capsule is based upon the delusion that the Western culture is the only culture in the world. The things which have been put in the capsule are supposed to reflect the state of culture and civilization of the world in the 1980s. Some people may not fully agree with this notion but when BBC says that this is so, it must be so! Not less than 20 scholars, scientists, artists and other outstanding personalities in other fields were associated with the project of making the selection of things. The final choice of things is admirable indeed! And what an impressive list of things, typical of 'their' modern world, they have come up with!

Some pictures, perhaps on the vulgar side, of semi-naked women, a few cheap quality underwear and some discs of pop music amongst other equally remarkable items considered to be representative of the present age, have been sealed in the capsule. For their absolute honesty, the selectors deserve full marks, because they have acknowledged that this is what the civilization of the West is today, and this is all there is to it. There is no doubt that the people in 3982 A.D. will be thrilled by what they see. The pictures will give them some idea that women could still be dressed somehow in the West back in the 1980s depending on how they or others thought that they should dress. Among other things dress is an index of culture. Deliberate care was taken to choose those pictures which would enable the remnants of dress to be viewed.

The inclusion of their pictures was a necessary tribute paid to the women without whose flesh and blood the Western civilization could not have been what it is today. Women working in the restaurants, shops, factories, offices and many other places doing all and sundry jobs are a living testimony to the exploitation of women going on in the West. No, this civilization would not have been possible without the contribution the women have been forced to make. Its whole edifice has been raised on their flesh and bones.

Interpreted in the simplest economic terms, the Western civilization is what industry, working in close collaboration with its handmaiden advertisement, has made it to be. Without vulgarizing and debasing the image of woman, the success of this culture would not have been possible. The picture of a woman is the most essential part of any advertisement. Not even the tube of a toothpaste can be sold if it does not show the picture of a woman grinning in the most attractive manner. From a shoe to the most expensive car, all the ads follow the same pattern. Advertisement is the true reflection of a culture. The pictures of women — nude, half-nude or fully clothed — are the hallmark of today's Western civilization. So the inclusion of the pictures of women in the time capsule is not only appropriate, it deserves full praise for being an honest acknowledgment of the great role the women have been made to play in shaping the civilization of the West.

Another praiseworthy and truly representative choice is the pop music. If the poor distant offspring knows how to listen to it, this will surely beat all sense out of him. The loud ear-blasting noise that greets him, will surely give him some idea how terribly his far-distant ancestors were made to suffer in the name of music, art and culture. One would suspect that the choice of the pop music was not without the motives of self-pity mingled with a sadistic pleasure on the part of the selectors. Of course, we should not suspect that there was a conscious desire to torture those who may or may not be there 2,000 years hence; but the inherent sadism in the 20th century Western culture is bound to find expression one way or the other.

After another two millennia, if the earth is still populated, man will either be far more advanced or far more backward and primitive by our present-day standards. He will be somewhat puzzled, no doubt, on discovering the under clothes in the time capsule. How he will figure out that the 20th century people used some other garments to dress themselves, is rather a perplexing problem. It's a pity that BBC's all-knowing correspondents will not be present to report on his responses.

One cannot quarrel with the decisions of the choosers; they have elected to speak for the whole mankind. Even we, living in the East, with vastly different religion, culture and civilization are supposed to have been represented in the time capsule. However, a few other items, equally representative, could have been chosen. For example, a few pictures of the massacres in the Palestinian camps in Beirut would have crowned the ultimate glory and the great humanitarian achievements of this great self-righteous civilization! Of special interest to the man of the future will have been the pictures of the murderers beaming over the corpses of the victims.

Throughout the long and chequered history of mankind, every passing civilization has striven to leave behind it whatever it valued to be memorable, significant or important. The Western civilization has inherited grand and inspiring examples of architecture — still magnificent even in the ruins; immortal and moving poetry, undying masterpieces of art, the carefully preserved wisdom of the ages, and ennobling and thought-provoking philosophies of life. But now, standing at the apex of its own self-acclaimed glories, after having achieved perfection in its own eyes, the Western civilization feels and finds that semi-nude pictures and some underclothes are the only things worthy of being transmitted to the posterity. No other civilization has been so much truthful, and as it were, shorn of all pride throughout history. But perhaps, there is nothing else to be left to the care of the coming ages except these items which have been chosen with such deliberate care!

Grenada's record of rights

By Jeremy Taylor

PORT OF SPAIN (LOS)—Can long-term political detention be justified if a reformist government believes its survival to be at stake? Grenada says yes, but most of its Caribbean neighbors disagree.

Grenada's revolution began over three years ago with the overthrow of Sir Eric Gairy's government by the People's Revolutionary Government (PRG) of Maurice Bishop, a 38-year-old London-trained barrister. Grenada is a small island (population 110,000) but it has exasperated President Reagan's Washington, not least with its warm alliance with Cuba.

Ninety-seven persons are estimated to be in political detention in Grenada. Some have been held since the March 1979 coup. Among them are several of Gairy's associates, including his police commissioner and assistant superintendent, prisons superintendent, agriculture minister and radio station manager.

The leader of a small opposition party which fought the last conventional election in alliance with Bishop Winston Whyte is also a detainee. So is Lloyd Noel, a former PRG attorney general who fell out with the government and helped launch a banned newspaper last year.

Some former detainees have been formally charged. Between 22 and 35 persons have been brought to court on charges ranging from murder and planning a coup to possession of explosives, but few cases have yet been concluded. One, involving five defendants accused of causing an explosion which killed three persons at a 1980 rally attended by the PRG leaders, was postponed in June for four months when a defense lawyer failed to turn up.

Most of the charges have been laid under the Terrorism (Prevention) Law of 1980, which permits trial without jury and allows the preliminary hearing to dispense with cross-examination and admit signed statements as evidence.

Grenada's detainees have become the focus of regional hostility to the PRG's revolution. Added to the firm government control of the media, postponement of general elections, and the Cuba connection, they are taken as proof of a drift toward totalitarianism. Encouraged by the U.S., Caribbean politicians and editorials castigate the PRG's restriction of individual freedoms, regardless of the new society it is trying to create.

Grenada's "grassroots democracy," which is replacing traditional British-style structures with community-level decision-making, is sneered at. So is the PRG's fear that an independent press will be exploited to undermine its reform program.

Among the detainees are three men who helped to back last year's abortive "Grenada Voice" newspaper. Another prominent backer, journalist Alister Hughes who is secretary of the Caribbean Press Council, had his phone cut off and his car confiscated for several months.

"Anyone who stands in the way of the freedom of the Grenadian people will feel the full weight of the revolution," the PRG warned after Hughes made a critical speech in Dominica in July.

The PRG view is that detention is an essential weapon when security is threatened from outside — meaning mainly the U.S., which maintains constant political and economic pressure on Grenada — and by internal opposition committed to violence. It points to a series of bombings and alleged counter-coups as well as well-documented attempts at economic sabotage.

The PRG angrily dismisses claims that detainees have been ill-treated as part of the propaganda war. At the end of last year, it released 24 persons — including Gairy's deputy — as a "gesture of goodwill".



(Photographs by Giovanni Pansullo)

ARTIST AT WORK: The Norwegian artist, Mrs. Inger de Stefano, inscribing a verse from the Qur'an on a China plate. The change from designs to letterings comes naturally to her. Left: Specimens of her artistic designs.

Interview with Mrs. Inger

The art of painting on porcelain

By Saad Zahid

JEDDAH — How many of us are aware of the hours of hard work and the deep mental concentration that go into the making of a beautiful piece of art whether it is handicraft, painting, sculpture or a painting on porcelain. Visiting Mrs. Inger's studio the other day I could personally get precise ideas about the different stages a fragile vase goes through before it was ready.

Mrs. Inger de Stefano is a Norwegian-born artist who passes her time decorating China. She told me she was only seven years old when she got fascinated by the beauty of chinaware. Ever since she has shown deep interest in the ceramic art which she tried to perfect by studying at various schools. In Rome she studied for two years at an art school. In Sweden she was a trainee for several years in the Elbogen art shop.

By the time she completed the training Mrs. Inger had gained a lot of experience in various aspects of the art. She gently took me around her home in Jeddah to show me the pieces of china done by her. They were all decorated differently. With a smile she explained that as far as she is concerned, the design is always dictated by the shape or style of vase or whatever she has to paint on. This means that if the china is of antique shape, she will have to respect it and do something which matches with its shape.

Not many people know the difference

between china and pottery. China is a highly developed ceramic product. It differs from what is normally called pottery in its hardness, translucency and whiteness. China consists of three principal ingredients: kaolin, quartz and felspar. These are mixed together to form a mass which then is shaped into cups, vases and plates.

Mrs. Inger told me that when she buys white china she knows by instinct what to paint on it. So the selection of design poses no problems. It needs great skill to decorate china.

You have to think of techniques suitable to antiques or modern art expressions. But painting rosebuds on thin delicate Limoges coffee cups and inscribing on a tile verses from Qur'an, she assured me, is something she enjoys doing.

Mrs. Inger does Arabic letterings and designs too. She said she has always been interested in Islamic art, with her seven-year old stay in Saudi Arabia acting as a catalyst. Her husband, an Italian architect, too enjoys the beauty of the Arabesque designs. She said she has always drawn inspiration from lovely Islamic antique vases, bowls or other objects found in museums, antique shops or among the collections of her Saudi friends. Mrs. Inger told me she considers herself privileged that she has lots of Saudi friends who guides her in the choice of verses from Qur'an or are

ready to help her with the translation of the verses she wants to inscribe.

Out of curiosity, I asked her whether she could show me the way she proceeds with her work on china. And she opened a cupboard full of mysterious bottles and boxes with colors. These, she explained, are called on-glaze colors made of oxides, cobalt and goldcolor and then mixed with oils. Then she started painting a pink rose and I noticed that she was using her little finger too instead of the brush to form the transparent petals and she explained it is one of her secrets which she was pleased to reveal to me. Slowly under her experienced hands the rose began its graceful appearance with its buds and leaves. Mrs. Inger told me she is painting flowers from Saudi gardens too. Even some of the school children with their green apron and white bows in their hair have found their way into her products.

Mrs. Inger said it was in Pakistan she first saw the tiny silver bowls and spoons with inscriptions from Qur'an. A friend told her these types of bowls with blessing words inscribed on them are used to give medicine to children. Mrs. Inger, who found it very interesting and beautiful, is proposing to do something like this in Saudi Arabia.

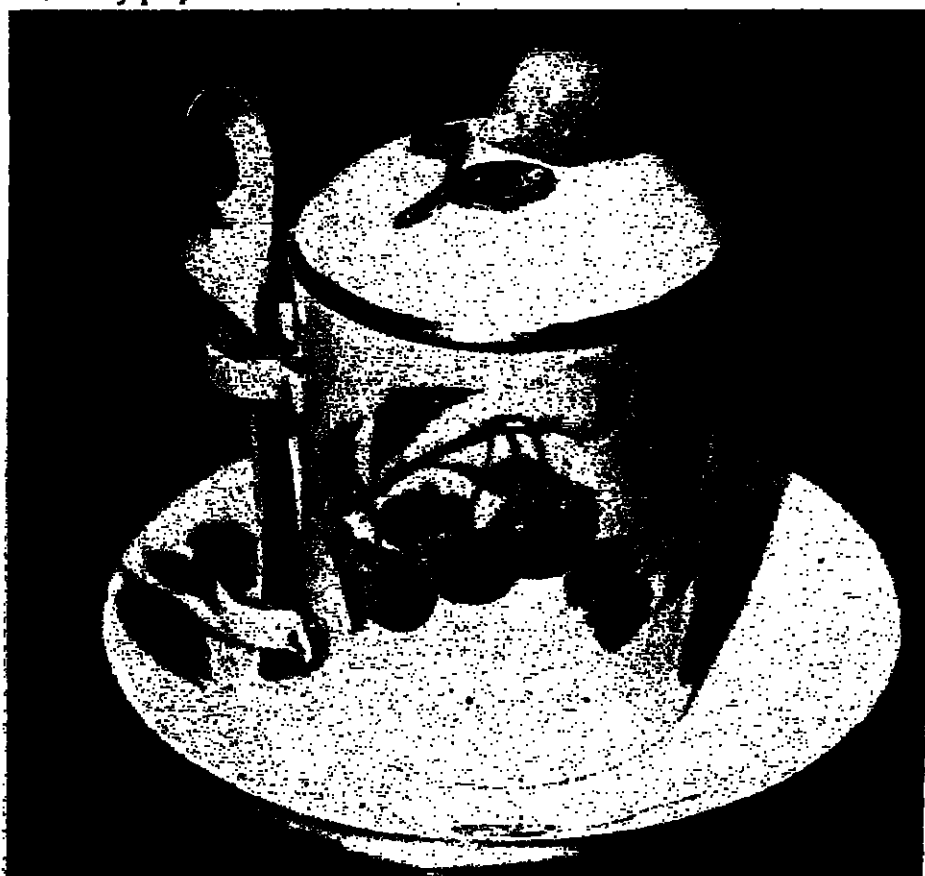
She said painting on china is part of her daily life. While watching the lovely pieces painted by her, I noticed that most of them were done in Jeddah.

Mrs. Inger is preparing herself for an exhibition in Jeddah in June 1983. To paint on china is a time-consuming and tiring work, she said. On a table I saw a lovely little tray with two cups and a sugar bowl, all painted with dainty lily of the valleys and finely decorated in gold, and I asked her if that is also going to be included in the proposed exhibition. Yes, she said and gave me its name: "Tete-a-Tete".

Once a piece of China is painted it will have to be glazed in a special oven called kiln at a very high temperature about 800 degree C or 1,500 degree F. At this temperature the color will melt into the translucent glaze and once taken out from the kiln it will stay forever.

One thing that attracted my attention in her studio was a little box with a man dressed like an Arab riding a horse in the desert. Mrs. Inger told me it is a box for collections. It is quite common, she explained, for the ladies to keep on their tables or shelves many of the different tiny boxes they collect. Also placed on the table were plates with inscriptions from Qur'an. Mrs. Inger told me she intends to bring into Arabian homes Islamic art in a happy blending of the past and present.

There was nothing more left than to wish this Scandinavian artist good luck and look forward to the day she will hold an exhibition of her beautiful pieces, including those with a local color and touch.



APPLES ON TEA POT: Mrs. Inger goes by the shape of china in deciding on the designs to be done, whether it is flowers, apples or leaves.



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Little say for Third World

Transnationals control seed business

By Paul Leaman

DENPASAR, Indonesia (Depthnews) — Plants and animals are worth billions of dollars, so much so that multinational companies have entered one of the most potentially profitable areas, the seed business.

In the United States, the drug company Ciba-Geigy and three other companies control two-thirds of the hybrid corn and sorghum seed markets. Almost 80 percent of bean patents recently issued went to Union Carbide, Upjohn, Sandoz and Purac. Upjohn and Sandoz held 43 percent of the patents on peas.

Two-thirds of the lettuce patents belong to Upjohn, Union Carbide, Purac, IIT and Celanese. A sizable share of the patents of varieties of wheat, soybeans and cotton is under the control of a small group of agribusiness giants.

And no small wonder. The potential usefulness — and profitability — of the world's 80,000 plants alone has barely been tapped. Humans, at one time or another, have used only 3,000 for food. Only 150 have been cultivated on a large scale, and less than 20 provide 90 percent of the world's food.

Wildlife is proving its worth in agriculture by allowing the constant production of new, more vigorous, more disease-resistant strains of some of the major foodcrops. In medicine, over 40 percent of all U.S. prescriptions contain a drug of natural origin, either from plants (25 percent), microbes (13 percent), or animals (3 percent). Textiles, ice creams, shampoos, paints, golf balls, jet engines, oil drilling equipment and dental moulds all rely on inputs from wild plants.

Species evolve faster in the heat and humidity of tropical rain forests which may host 40-50 percent of the world's species. In that crowded ecosystem, many species have developed toxins and other chemicals with medical and industrial applications. While arid lands contain relatively few species, the harshness of the environment has encouraged the evolution of "eccentric" species which possess either complex chemicals to help them survive — or of medical and industrial interest — or traits of hardness much sought by plant breeders.

Almost all the tropical rain forests and much of the arid lands lie in the Third World, with the poorest nations controlling possibly two-thirds of all species. But most of the world's science and technology reside with the rich nations, with the ability to convert genetic resources into valuable products.

"This division," says Earthscan, "could become a source of increasingly bitter conflict as the value of wild genetic resources becomes more obvious to both North and South." Earthscan is a global news and information service on development and environment issues which recently gave a press briefing here on wild genetic resources.

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"With most of the world's genetic resources found in impoverished Third World countries, it is clear that conservation costs may be too high for such countries. Cost-sharing formulas should be developed," says Indonesian Minister for Development Supervision and the Environment, Dr. Emil Salim. "It is clear the countries of the North obtain much greater benefits than the developing countries. In a sense, we in the South are conserving our genetic resources for the North to exploit and enjoy."

Indonesia is a case in point. Ten percent of the world's forests and about 17 percent of bird species are found in Indonesia's tropical forests which also contain some 100 unique animals. These include the banteng, the endangered ancestor of cattle, which is of interest to breeders.

Out of a total land area of 192 million hectares (the world's largest archipelago), roughly 63 percent or 122 million hectares are forest land. Each year, about 550,000 or over half a million hectares are opened to

shifting cultivation, new settlements and the timber industry.

About 74 percent of the population rely on wood to meet cooking and other energy needs. The value of Indonesian timber exports has nearly tripled, from \$720 million in 1973-74 to \$2,125 million in 1979-80, mostly going to Japan (50 percent), Europe (32 percent), South Korea (13 percent) and the U.S. (5 percent).

Indonesia has to open up its forests to launch export crop plantations, grow food, and accommodate transmigration programs and new settlements. The rich volcanic soils of Java Island alone support the most intensive agriculture in the world with two-thirds of Indonesia's 149 million people crammed there. Half of Java's rural population is landless, and another 20 percent with insufficient land to provide a subsistence living. A campaign is under way to move half a million families to 250 sites on less crowded islands by 1985.

Dr. Salim believes that "whoever is getting present benefits should pay the equivalent of a premium to ensure continued future benefits." He proposes a 1 percent tax on imports of wood products, ("a measure apparently under consideration by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development"), a 1 percent tax on pharmaceutical sales ("could raise \$200 million in the U.S. alone"), and a 1 percent tax on the commercial sales of seeds ("about \$100 million a year could be raised worldwide").

Another approach would be through the payment of royalties on genes, just like some Western countries have imposed such pay-

ments on improved, patented and copyrighted seeds. Still another way is for countries with genetic resources to levy a research tax say, on researches conducted on tropical moist forests. A country could also lease research rights to drug firms or genetic engineering companies. "Heavy taxes should also be placed on the approved-trade of wild-life species," adds Dr. Salim.

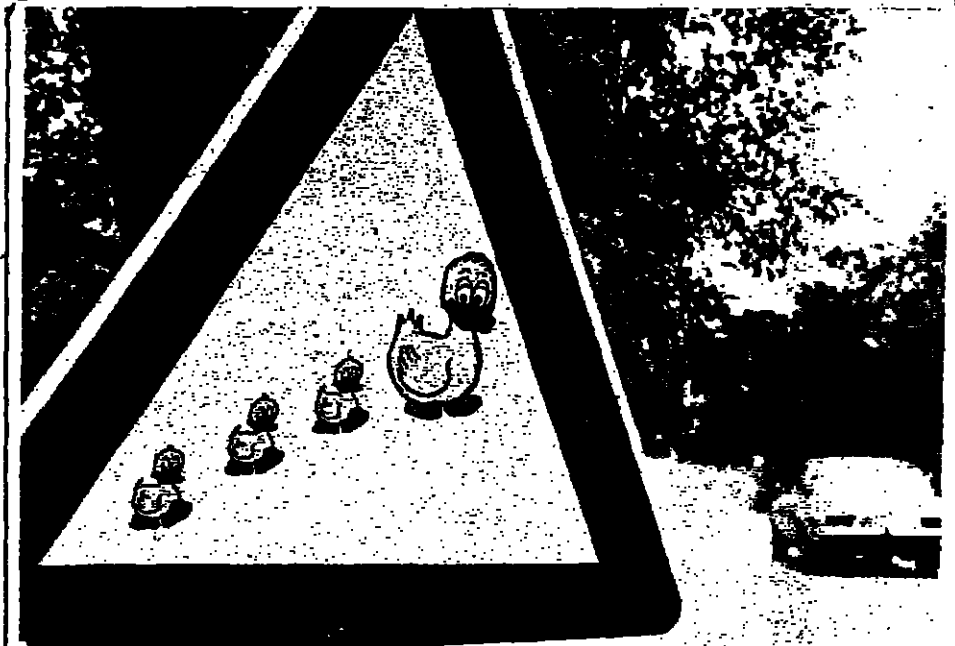
Plant communities which supply crop genetic resources are found mainly in a dozen areas known as Vavilov Centers of genetic diversity: Indo-Malaysia, China, India, Near East, Mediterranean, Southern Mexico and Central America, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile and Brazil. Genetic material from these regions has traditionally been available to plant breeders around the world, including commercial seed companies, research stations and universities mostly in developed nations.

Third World governments have little control or influence over those who use their germplasm (the combination of all genes in an organism). Even agricultural research centers mostly located in the Third World are funded and thus ultimately controlled by developed countries, the World Bank and other United Nations bodies.

The issue is made more politically complex since the main agricultural areas for many crop species are located far away from the regions which host wild populations of the species. Bananas are wild in Southeast Asia, cultivated in the Caribbean and Central America. Rubber is wild in South America, cultivated in Southeast Asia. Cocoa is wild in South America, cultivated in West Africa. Wheat is wild from South Africa through the Mediterranean basin as far east as Nepal, but the big producers are the U.S., Canada, Argentina, the Soviet Union and Australia. Most germplasm travel South of North. Kenya's extensive experience of cool, high-altitude wheatlands supplied Canada 25 years ago with a vigorous variety known as Neepawa. It ultimately proved suitable for 40 percent of Canada's wheat-growing prairie-land. If the Kenyans had charged a modest "rent" for the germplasm — say, 1 percent of Canada's annual profits from Neepawa — Kenya's present balance of payments would be much improved.

Ethiopia reportedly no longer allows any germplasm to leave its territory for any purpose, with few exceptions. This initiative — if copied by other developing countries — could affect coffee growers throughout the tropics, notably Brazil which needs new coffee strains from the Ethiopian highlands to improve its crops. Brazil itself is considering a "tough" stance on the use of wild genetic resources. Still, no Third World country has yet passed laws patenting their wild genetic material.

Since it became possible in the 1970s to patent seed varieties, seed exports reached \$600 million in 1982.



LIFESAVER: This eye-catching traffic stopper is a lifesaver for ducks crossing the road. The sign, with its Walt Disney look, is located near a duck farm on a road in Rosenheim, West Germany.

Another Look

One of those bad nights

By Robert Yoakum

Here we are again at that time of the year when nights come early, social events come often, and offspring come in late. Maybe one reason so many insensitive sprouts keep their parents in such a swivet is that they don't realize what goes on at home:

"Oh, are you awake too?"

"Yeah. Couldn't sleep. What time is it?"

"Three-thirty. She said she'd be home before one o'clock, right?"

"Right. Who took her to the party?"

"Jerry and Judy. I think. But she said she'd be returning with someone else. I can't remember whether she gave me a name."

"From now on let's always get a name, OK?"

"Is that a criticism?"

"No. Just a suggestion. Anyway, what do we do now? We can't very well call the Browns. The party was supposed to end by midnight. They'd be asleep."

"I'd call if we knew them, but we've met them only once and they struck me as a bit starchy."

"More than a bit. She wasn't the sort who would respond warmly to a three-thirty a.m. telephone call."

"He was worse. He gave the impression that he gets his jollies by foreclosing on Mom and Pop stores."

"So what do we do? I suppose we could drive by there to see if the thing is still going on."

"But the Browns live in Stamford, half an hour away! And if they say a party is going to end at midnight I'd bet my wallet that it does. Anyway, one of us would have to stay here in case Vanessa telephones."

"I suppose we could call one of the other kids who went to the party."

"OK, but who? The only ones we're sure of are Jerry and Judy."

"Then it had better be Jerry. In that family the kids probably get to bed first. The Hardys are the kind that will close up one party and then go out in search of another. You call."

"No, you call. I'd feel embarrassed."

"How the hell do you think I'd feel? Well, OK, but the next call is yours...."

"Hello! Is this Mrs. Hardy? This is Mr. Tuttle. May I talk to your son Jerry? We're a little worried about our daughter and they went to the same party....OK. Thanks."

"Was she upset?"

"No. Sounded absolutely cheery. She said she'd wake Jerry... Oh, hello Jerry. Sorry to bother you, but do you have any idea where Vanessa is? She said she'd be home by one....Mmmmm. I see. Thanks. I will. Goodbye."

"What did he say?"

"He said she was still at the Browns when he and Judy left. He suggested calling them."

"Back at square one. Just think! All over this nation there are parents like us, lying in bed, fretting over some child who is totally oblivious to parental anguish. Kids are worth having only between the ages of three and twelve."

"And we'll have to go through the same thing with the next two! Maybe we could put them up for adoption."

"Tomorrow. Tonight we have to do something about Vanessa. I keep telling myself that if anything awful had happened we would have heard about it."

"That's what all those other thousands of parents are telling themselves. And they're also trying to decide whether to call the police. What do you think?"

"I think we should."

"I called the Hardys. It's your turn."

"All right... Hello, this is Mrs. Thomas Tuttle. We're worried about our daughter, Vanessa, and, uh, we wondered whether, well, whether — a description? She's five-foot-six, black hair, brown eyes...I see. Nothing at all? Good. I mean, I guess it's good. Thank you. Good night."

"What did they say?"

"They said there was nothing on the computer. I think we'd better — Oh, thank God! She's coming in the front door! Should we pretend to be asleep?"

"I don't know. What does Dr. Spock say? I guess we should wait until morning. Then we can tell all three we're putting them up for adoption. I'm too old for this."

"What about the dogs?"

"Oh, we'll keep them. They always sack out early."

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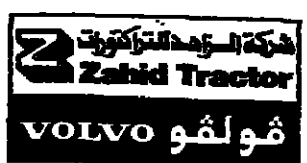
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